

Use of a Post Nominal & Advertising of Membership of the College

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Post Nominal

Post nominal are abbreviations of qualifications held by a person and placed immediately after or immediately below their printed name. The most common are University degrees such as Bachelor and Master Degrees.

Membership

Membership of an organisation which did not require sitting additional examinations but is part of your profession comes under the heading of "Memberships and Affiliations" and would include such organisations as the AMA, International Academies, Craft organisations such as CPSA and many others. It is perfectly reasonable and correct to advise people of your professional affiliations as it is an indication of continuing professional development and involvement with your peers. However, Membership of an organisation, even a College, is not a professional qualification and cannot be used as a post nominal.

Use of Post Nominal FCPCA

Only Fellows of the Cosmetic Physicians College may use the post nominal FCPCA or Fellow CPCA. Those who are Full Members may not use a post nominal but may mention their CPCA Membership on their business documents. Corresponding Members are not permitted to mention their affiliation to the College in any documents.

Incorrect use of a post nominal by Full Members and Corresponding Members of the College will bring disciplinary action by the College Council. Refusal to correct inappropriate use of post nominal or incorrect information about your relationship to the CPCA may lead to loss of membership at the discretion of the College Council.

