

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) (i) Membership shall be open to all persons over the age of sixteen years and all deaf persons under the age of sixteen years who signify their general agreement with the objectives of the Association provided that they are duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Association and approved by the Executive Council. A person applying for membership shall fill in the Association's prescribed application form. Each application form shall contain the name, address, age and occupation of the applicant and shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary.
- (ii) Corporate Membership shall be open to all business organisations registered with the Registrar of Business and Companies, Singapore. Application for membership shall be made on the Association's prescribed application form.
- (b) There shall be six classes of membership:-
- (i) **Ordinary Membership:** This shall be granted to Singapore citizens and permanent residents who are over the age of sixteen years only.
- (ii) **Life Membership:** This shall be granted to Ordinary Members who have been members of the Association for at least five years.
- (iii) **Corporate Membership:** This grade of membership is granted to business organisations.
- (iv) **Honorary Membership:** Honorary membership shall be conferred on individuals who, in the opinion of the Executive Council, have rendered meritorious service to the Deaf of Singapore. Honorary members shall not be required to fill application forms or to pay any subscriptions.
- (v) **Associate Membership:** This shall be granted to non-Singapore citizens who are over the age of sixteen years.
- (vi) **Junior Membership:** This shall be granted to deaf Singapore citizens and permanent residents who are under the age of sixteen years.

(c) **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- (i) Subscriptions for the various categories of membership shall be as follows:
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| Ordinary Membership | : \$15.00 (per annum) |
| Life Membership | : \$150.00 |
| Corporate Membership | : \$500.00 |
| Honorary Membership | : Nil |
| Associate Membership | : \$30.00 (per annum) |
| Junior Membership | : \$5.00 (per annum) |
- (ii) The above rates can be changed by the Executive Council and take effect after approval has been granted at the Extraordinary General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) All subscriptions shall be due on 1st January each year, notice of which shall be given by the Honorary Secretary. A Member whose subscription is in arrears for more than one year shall cease to be a Member.
- (iv) Should payment of renewal fees not be made, re-application of membership shall only be allowed on payment of the arrears.

(d) **RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- (i) Ordinary and Life Members whose subscriptions are not in arrears shall have the right to vote at all General Meetings of the Association and to stand for election to the Executive Council.
 - (ii) Honorary Members shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible for any office in the Association. An Honorary Member shall not be liable in any way for the debts due and remaining unpaid by the Association.
 - (iii) Junior, Associate and Corporate Members shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible to stand for election to any office in the Association.
 - (iv) Only Ordinary and Life Members who are not employed, fully or partially by the Association, or who are not seconded to serve the Association by the Government are eligible to stand for election to the Executive Council of the Association.
- (e) Notice of any change of address of any member shall be given in writing immediately to the Association.

(f) **Ordinary Membership**

Time Frame	Amount Payable	
	Option 1	Option 2
Year 1 (join before 1 st July)	\$15.00	-
Year 1 (join on/after 1 st July)	-	\$7.50 (if you choose to pay \$15, you will fall under option 1)
Year 2	\$15.00	\$15.00
Year 3	\$15.00	\$15.00
Year 4	\$15.00	\$15.00
Year 5	\$15.00	\$15.00
Year 6	Eligible for Life Membership	\$15.00 Eligible for Life Membership after the yearly subscription of the 6 th year has been fully paid
Total Subscription Paid	\$75.00	\$82.50

- (g) **Membership Cancellation:** for membership cancellation, no refund will be allowed.
- (h) **Replacement of membership card:**
 Members who lose their membership card, can replace it at the following rate:
 First time replacement: \$2
 Second time replacement: \$4
 Third and subsequent replacements: \$8
 A police report is required.

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