

In accordance with the constitution of the Australasian Trauma Society (Clause 11) the below outlines the categories of membership.

It is intended that the application for membership will identify the professional group to which the applicant primarily belongs. Examples may include medical practitioner, registered nurse, allied health professional, researcher affiliated with a university, student of a health science, or another employee of a trauma or related health service. Provision for other applications under 'Conspicuous membership' is included, enabling applicants to specify additional or alternate for consideration of membership to the Australasian Trauma Society (ATS).

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1. Qualifications

- 1.1. As per 12.1 of the ATS Constitution. A person is qualified to be a member of the Australasian Trauma Society if they:
 - 1.1.1. Want to become a member; and
 - 1.1.2. Have completed the membership application; and
 - 1.1.3. Support the purpose(s) of the Australasian Trauma Society; and
 - 1.1.4. Agree to comply with the Australasian Trauma Society's Constitution; and
 - 1.1.5. Have a demonstrated interest in the care of the injured; and
 - 1.1.6. Have paid the membership fee on application to become a member.

2. Membership Fees

- 2.1. Reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.2. Membership periods are by Australian Financial year (1 July-30 June).
- 2.3. Upon initial membership admission a joining fee will be applicable. This fee is for the administration costs of membership and the nominal guarantee.
- 2.4. Guarantee:
 - 2.4.1. Under Clause 4 of constitution for a charitable purpose company limited by guarantee, the guarantee (\$10) is held in a specified guarantee bank account as property of the company (ATS), if the company is wound up, to pay for the debts and liabilities of the company or any costs of winding up the company.
 - 2.4.2. After 12 months post cessation of membership with the ATS, the guarantee is forfeit to the ATS to fulfill the purpose of the company.
- 2.5. Payment may, at the discretion of the Board, be payable every 2 (two) years, yearly, quarterly or monthly, or other as specified.

3. Membership benefits

- 3.1. Ordinary Member
 - 3.1.1. Newsletters from the ATS;
 - 3.1.2. Electronic copy of the 'Injury' Journal;
 - 3.1.3. Discounted rates to the annual conference;
 - 3.1.4. Voting rights;
 - 3.1.5. Other items as deemed by the Board of the ATS.
- 3.2. Categories of membership may be introduced, varied or discontinued.
 - 3.2.1. Any variation to the categories of membership are to be approved at a Board meeting of the ATS and the by-law updated to reflect resolutions of the Board.

4. Membership Categories

- 4.1. Are mutually exclusive.

Full Memberships

5. Ordinary Member
 - 5.1. Residents of Australia, New Zealand or High Income Country.
 - 5.2. A member of a professional group with current national registration, and in good standing; or
 - 5.3. An employed member of a Trauma Service and in good standing; or
 - 5.4. Holds a University appointment with an interest in care of traumatically injured; or
 - 5.5. Otherwise conferred by the Board of the ATS.
6. Ordinary Member - Institution Member
 - 6.1. An institution with a stated purpose in line with the goals and purpose of the ATS.
 - 6.2. This membership is held by a role within the applying institution, nominally a board member or equivalent.
 - 6.3. The applying institution will nominate the role holding the membership and subsequent name of the person representing the institution;
 - 6.4. Any change to the nominated persons will be notified to the ATS Board within 30 days.
7. Ordinary Member - Conspicuous
 - 7.1. An applicant who does not meet other membership criteria and has provided substantiated rationale for membership in the application and subsequently has been accepted for membership by the Board of the ATS (eg politician, trauma survivor, support person).
 - 7.2. The Board of the ATS may assign an applicant another category of membership, not excluding Honorary Member.

Subsidised Memberships with Voting Rights

8. Ordinary Member - International

This category is intended to be utilised to support applications from lower-middle income countries.

 - 8.1. Any applicant that would otherwise meet full ordinary membership, excluding section 5.1
 - 8.2. Annual subsidised membership subscription is applicable for this category of membership.
9. Ordinary Member - Joint Membership
 - 9.1. Where the ATS has a written agreement with another organisation for mutual membership categories.
 - 9.2. Membership fee sharing between the organisations will be stipulated in the agreement.
 - 9.3. Unless specified in the written agreement between the organisations, this category includes the rights and responsibilities as an Ordinary Member of the ATS.
10. Ordinary Member - Life Member
 - 10.1. Membership Fee shall be paid by the ATS.
 - 10.2. In recognition of their outstanding service and leadership to the ATS.
 - 10.3. It is not a category for which a member can apply. Members must be nominated for consideration by another ATS member; admission is at the discretion of the Board.
 - 10.4. The member must have:
 - 10.4.1. Served a term on the ATS board or (prior to the Board) the ATS Committee; and
 - 10.4.2. Held membership with the ATS for at least fifteen (15) years; and
 - 10.4.3. Significantly contributed to the purposes of the ATS.

- 10.5. May attend Board meetings with Observer status.
- 10.6. A member holding the category of “Honorary Life Membership” of the Australasian Trauma Society Incorporated at the time of establishment of the Company (ATS) will be conferred this membership category.
- 11. Student / Retired Member
 - 11.1. An applicant that would otherwise be admitted to the ATS; and
 - 11.2. Is a former ATS Ordinary member, currently no longer working in paid employment; or
 - 11.3. Is currently a student of a professional group with current national registration (or equivalent) and in good standing.
 - 11.4. Annual subsidised membership subscription is applicable for this category of membership.

Subsidised & No Voting Rights

- 12. Associate Member
 - 12.1. This membership category does not have voting rights.
 - 12.2. A member holding the category of “Associate Member” of the Australasian Trauma Society Incorporated at the time of establishment of the Company (ATS), including membership rights and restrictions will be conferred to this temporary membership category.
 - 12.3. This category is for the purpose of transition from Australasian Trauma Society Incorporated at the time of establishment of the Company (ATS) and will not exist as a membership category for application or renewal from the inception of the Company (ATS).

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The members' rights

As per the constitution membership includes the right to:

- Inspect Australasian Trauma Society documents, including the minutes of general meetings (clause 57) and the register of members (clause 10)
- Be given information about the organisation's annual finances and other activities at or before each annual general meeting (clause 20)
- Ask questions about the Australasian Trauma Society at a general meeting (clauses 20 and 27)
- Provided a certain number of members agree, request the directors call a meeting (clause 18(2)), call meetings themselves (clause 19), propose resolutions or make statements (clause 29)
- Receive notice of general meetings (clause 21) and attend general meetings
- Where current membership does not exclude voting rights:
 - Vote on resolutions (clause 32), or appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf at general meetings (clause 36), and
 - Vote on a resolution to appoint or remove a director (clauses 39 and 42.1).

Member Responsibilities:

- Under the Australasian Trauma Society constitution, members have an obligation to pay the guarantee (if required) if the company winds up while they are a member, or less than 12 months after they stopped being a member. This is included within the Joining Fee of the Australasian Trauma Society and reserved in a dedicated account.
- Members have a crucial role in ensuring that the Australasian Trauma Society, and therefore the Board and members, conduct themselves in a way that is acceptable to the purpose(s) of the Australasian Trauma Society.
- Provide and maintain current information for the roll of membership of the Australasian Trauma Society and within 30 days of any change to their details or standing notify the Australasian Trauma Society.

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