



membership, information
and application form

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Keeping you in touch!

snapshot

Massage Australia is a professional organisation that has offered individual and corporate business support for the past 20 years. Massage Australia's focus is on massage practitioners, students and associated people that benefit from the services that we provide. This involves industry related support to ensure the development of individuals and their service delivery.

Massage Australia ensures that it maintains high industry standards by working in conjunction with the expectations of health funds, education facilities and other faculties.

Our aim is to provide you with the highest level of service that we can. We are constantly reviewing and updating our products and services to meet the changing needs of the profession. Because we respond to the needs of practitioners and students, Massage Australia members have access to a range of products and services; all designed with the busy practitioner in mind.

magazine scope

Massage Australia Magazine seeks to empower, inform and entertain its readers through accurate well-rounded and cutting-edge editorial content. Published quarterly, Massage Australia provides information to the industry and savvy readers, from an experienced team of practitioners and industry educators. For over 10 years, Massage Australia has been providing readers with an insight into industry movement, skills and development, and general interest information with judgement or criticism, offering knowledge, by keeping readers "in the know".

Massage Australia Magazine is Keeping You in Touch....

eligibility and benefits

Massage Australia offers three levels of membership, General, Professional and Professional Plus.

General membership – This level of membership is for enrolled students, practitioners that wish to receive the Massage Australia magazine, an industry-recognised publication for CPE/CPD points, and for those practitioners that do not meet the criteria for Professional or Professional Plus membership.

Students may join Massage Australia as a General member and once their qualification has been completed, they are entitled to upgrade to Professional or Professional Plus membership.

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Benefits of General membership are:

- Receive the Massage Australia magazine (quarterly publication).
- Earn continuing professional education points (CPE/CPU's). *Contact your association for details.
- Get great discounts on our extensive range of products. We stock a wide range of high-quality merchandise, including educational books and DVD's, professional stationary, uniforms and massage equipment.

Professional membership – This level of membership is for qualified practitioners. The minimum requirement is a Certificate IV. This level of membership offers practitioners to apply for Professional Indemnity & Public Liability Insurance.

Benefits of Professional membership are:

- Receive the Massage Australia magazine (quarterly publication).
- Earn continuing professional education points (CPE/CPU's). *Contact your association for details.
- Get great discounts on our extensive range of products. We stock a wide range of high-quality merchandise, including educational books and DVD's, professional stationary, uniforms and massage equipment.
- Eligible to apply for professional indemnity and public liability insurance.

Professional Plus membership – This level of membership is for qualified practitioners that are eligible as health fund providers. The minimum requirement is a Certificate IV.

Benefits of Professional Plus membership are:

- Receive the Massage Australia magazine (quarterly publication).
- Earn continuing professional education points (CPE/CPU's). *Contact your association for details.
- Get great discounts on our extensive range of products. We stock a wide range of high-quality merchandise, including educational books and DVD's, professional stationary, uniforms and massage equipment.
- Eligible to apply for professional indemnity and public liability insurance.
- Eligibility to apply for health fund registration.

health fund information

Massage Australia is a professional organisation within the massage industry under section 10 of the Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules 2008. This allows Massage Australia to accredit members to be recognised as approved providers by the various private health funds.

To be eligible, as a health fund provider a member must hold Professional Plus membership, hold a current Senior Level First Aid certificate, hold Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance and maintain ongoing Continuing Education points (CPE's).

A full list of health funds and qualification requirements can be found on the Membership page of the Massage Australia website.

professional indemnity and public liability insurance

As a Professional or Professional Plus member you are eligible to apply for insurance cover. To be able to apply for your insurance cover you must first have your Massage Australia membership number. If you ticked yes to requiring Insurance information (please refer to Checklist section of application), Massage Australia will provide you with the necessary form to obtain your insurance cover once your membership has been processed.

Should you already have insurance prior to joining Massage Australia and you are applying for Professional Plus membership, please send a copy of your policy (copy of certificate of currency) with your application form.

categories of membership and fees

The joining fee to Massage Australia is determined by the type of membership you are applying for. It is also determined by the month you apply for membership as Massage Australia has two set renewal dates for the year (June and December).

Joining Fees

The joining fee for a 12-month General membership is \$110 (includes an application fee of \$40), Professional membership is \$120 (includes an application fee of \$40), and Professional Plus membership is \$150 (includes an application fee of \$40).

Please refer to the following table to determine the fee according to the joining date.

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Joining Fee Table

Joining Period	Jan – Feb Renewal date is Jun the following year	Mar – Apr Renewal date is Jun the following year	May – Jun Renewal date is Jun the following year	Jul – Aug Renewal date is Dec the following year	Sep – Oct Renewal date is Dec the following year	Nov – Dec Renewal date is Dec the following year
General Membership	\$90 + \$40 Total \$130	\$80 + \$40 Total \$120	\$70 + \$40 Total \$110	\$90 + \$40 Total \$130	\$80 + \$40 Total \$120	\$70 + \$40 Total \$110
Professional Membership	\$100 + \$40 Total \$140	\$90 + \$40 Total \$130	\$80 + \$40 Total \$120	\$100 + \$40 Total \$140	\$90 + \$40 Total \$130	\$80 + \$40 Total \$120
Professional Plus Membership	\$150 + \$40 Total \$190	\$130 + \$40 Total \$170	\$110 + \$40 Total \$150	\$150 + \$40 Total \$190	\$130 + \$40 Total \$170	\$110 + \$40 Total \$150

* All membership applications include a \$40 application fee as shown in table.

Renewal Fees

The renewal fee for a 12-month General membership is \$70, Professional membership is \$80 and Professional Plus membership is \$110.

upgrade fees:

As a Massage Australia member you have the ability to upgrade your membership at anytime providing you meet the eligibility criteria.

Upgrading your membership incurs the following fees:

- General to Professional membership \$10
- General to Professional Plus membership \$40
- Professional to Professional Plus membership \$30

faq's for membership

Q. I have an overseas qualification. Am I eligible for membership and can I become a health fund provider?

A. If you hold an overseas massage qualification you may be eligible for General or Professional membership to Massage Australia (please refer to the benefits of these levels of membership). However, applications are assessed on an individual bases.

Practitioners with overseas qualifications are NOT eligible to apply for Professional Plus membership, as they are not eligible as health fund providers (requires an Australian qualification only). In this case you can contact a Registered Training Organisation (RTO e.g. TAFE or private college), which provides training in the Diploma of Remedial Massage (HLT50307) or the Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice (HLT40307) and undertake Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), to transfer your qualification.

Q. How long does the membership process take?

A. For successful applicants please allow up to 14 working days for confirmation of your membership approval. You will receive a welcome email from Massage Australia once payment and application has been processed. This email will contain your membership number and depending on the level of membership you have applied for, it may also contain additional information.

Q. How long does it take to become registered as a health fund provider?

A. This will depend on when your application has been processed and when all required documents and information have been provided. The health fund registration process can take between 4 to 6 weeks.

Q. If I am with another association can I still join Massage Australia?

A. Yes. Practitioners can hold more than one association membership. You may choose to become a member of Massage Australia for the benefit of receiving the magazine, which may earn you CPE/CPD point for your existing association.

Q. Will I still be registered as a health fund provider if I move my membership to Massage Australia?

A. If you are considering moving your membership to Massage Australia and you are currently registered as a health fund provider, you will maintain your registration regardless of your change of membership. Massage Australia provides this information to the health funds on your behalf once your membership has been processed.