



Categories of ADSA Membership

1. Full member

Any person registered as a dietitian with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) may apply for full membership.

Privileges: Full members of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association at a reduced rate and to take part in ADSA-related discussions. They are entitled to all membership benefits. They may serve at Executive or Branch levels and are eligible to vote.

- i. *Executive Committee Members and Branch Chairpersons:* Full members who serve on the Executive Committee or as Branch Chairpersons are entitled to attend meetings of the Association at a reduced rate and to take part in ADSA-related discussions. They are entitled to all membership benefits and are eligible to vote. They are exempt-ed from paying an annual membership fee during their term on the committee.
- ii. *Branch Committee Members:* Full members who serve on Branch Committees are entitled to attend meetings of the Association at a reduced rate, to take part in ADSA-related discussions and are eligible to vote. They are entitled to all membership benefits but at a reduced membership fee during their term on the committee.

2. Community Service Dietitians

Any person registered as a dietitian with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and who is completing their community service year in South Africa, may apply for Community Service Dietitian membership.

Privileges: Community Service Dietitian members of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association at a reduced rate and to take part in ADSA-related discussions. They are entitled to all membership benefits. They may serve at Branch levels and are eligible to vote.

3. Associate members

Any person who does not qualify for full membership, but who has a recognised qualification in nutrition or related field may apply for Associate membership of the Association. Such membership is subject to approval by the President and Executive Membership Portfolio Holder of the Association.

Privileges: Associate members of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association at a reduced rate, and to take part in discussions. They are entitled to selected membership benefits. They may not serve at Executive or Branch levels and are not eligible to vote.

4. Retired members of ADSA

Any member aged sixty (60) years and older, who is no longer employed professionally and who has been a member of the Association before may apply for retired membership.

Privileges: Retired members shall be entitled to the rights of the category of membership to which they were entitled before retirement, at a reduced rate.

5. Student members

The following persons may apply for student membership of the Association:

- i. Any person registered at the HPCSA as an undergraduate student in dietetics.
- ii. Any bona fide student registered for a postgraduate course in dietetics who does not qualify for full membership.

The President and Executive Membership Portfolio Holder of the Association shall approve student membership after submission of proof of appropriate registration as a student. Student membership shall be temporary.

Privileges: Student members shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association and to take part in ADSA-related discussions. They are entitled to selected membership benefits. They may serve at Branch levels and are not eligible to vote.

6. Honorary members

Any person who has made a significant contribution to dietetics or a related field in South Africa and who has upheld the current Vision, Mission and Values of the Association, may be nominated to become an Honorary member of the Association. This nomination must be proposed by a full member and seconded by two (2) other full members of the Association and include a full motivation and a **curriculum vitae** of such a person. After due consideration of the **curriculum vitae** of such a person by the Executive Committee of the Association, the motivation together with the relevant **curriculum vitae/resume** that supports this nomination, shall be distributed to all categories of membership of the Association for voting, either by post, via the email, fax or proxy, together with the Agenda of the Biennial General Meeting (BGM) or Special General Meeting (SGM). At least 40% of the eligible members, choosing to vote, at the meeting, must agree with the application for it to be passed. The current National president will inform the honorary member of the outcome.

Privileges: Honorary members of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association and take part in discussions. They may serve at Executive or Branch levels and are eligible to vote. Honorary members are exempted from paying an annual membership fee.

7. Friends of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa

Any person who does not qualify for any of the other categories of membership but subscribes to the aims of the Association, may apply to become a Friend of ADSA. Such membership is subject to approval by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Privileges: Friends of ADSA shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Association and to take part in discussions. They are entitled to selected membership benefits. They may not serve at Executive or Branch levels. Friends of ADSA are not eligible to vote.