

SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS AND PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

Affiliated to the Institute of Psychological Studies (TVEC Reg.no P01/0053)

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES POLICY

Our *Membership Categories Policy* set out who may apply for membership and the membership categories that are available. This membership categories policy defines how those criteria may be met and the transition between them.

Student Member

Student membership is available for those who have been accepted on or who are currently attending Diploma in Psychology after completion of Advanced Levels or Ordinary Levels OR those who have been accepted on or who are currently attending a counselling or psychotherapy course.

SLAPC reserves the right to audit student members and request further evidence of their eligibility to remain within this membership category.

Any individual can move into the student member category, upon provision of acceptable evidence that they meet the student membership criteria. However, those within the category will not be entitled to use designatory letters and will have no voting rights within the SLAPC.

Upon successful completion of and graduation from the course, student members may upgrade their membership to Associate member by submitting sufficient evidence to SLAPC: copies of their transcript & certificate.

Associate Member

Associate Membership is available to those who have completed the Diploma in Counselling and Psychotherapy Part I & Part II from the Institute of Psychological Studies OR have completed any Course related to Counselling and Psychotherapy that is accepted by the SLAPC.

SLAPC reserves the right to audit associate members and request further evidence of their eligibility to remain within this membership category. Those who are within the category will be entitled to use designatory letters and will have voting rights within the SLAPC.

Associate members may upgrade their membership to Registered member by submitting sufficient evidence to SLAPC, such as copies of their certificates of further studies and field experience as a Counsellor and Psychotherapist.

Registered Member

This is the minimum membership status that all practising members are required to achieve. Registered Members are required to have evidence of further studies in the field of Psychology, Counselling and Psychotherapy such as Masters OR Mphil OR Postgraduate Diploma along with at least a minimum of 5 years' experience in the field of Counselling and Psychotherapy.

SLAPC reserves the right to audit Registered members and request further evidence of their eligibility to remain within this membership category. Those who are within the category will be entitled to use designatory letters and will have voting rights within the SLAPC.

Registered members may upgrade their membership to Accredited member by submitting sufficient evidence to BACP, such as copies of their certificates of further studies and field experience as a Counsellor and Psychotherapist.

Accredited Member

This is the membership status that all practising Senior members are required to achieve. Accredited Members are required to have evidence of further studies in the field of Psychology, Counselling and Psychotherapy such as PhD along with at least a minimum of 10 years' experience in the field of Counselling and Psychotherapy OR 20 years of experience in the field of Counselling and Psychotherapy alone.

SLAPC reserves the right to audit Accredited members and request further evidence of their eligibility to remain within this membership category. Those who are within the category will be entitled to use designatory letters and have voting rights within the SLAPC.

SLAPC accreditation assessors will assess your application against the published criteria. The decision given by the accreditation assessors is on behalf of SLAPC who accept full responsibility for the decision. Without prejudice the accreditation assessors will have no personal liability in respect of their decisions or statements contained in any reports, which shall at all times remain the sole responsibility of SLAPC.

Life-Ordinary Member

This Membership Category is ONLY eligible for Members who are under "Registered" and "Accredited" categories.

- ⤴ All Memberships can be applied for via the completion of a declaration and are granted at the discretion of SLAPC.
- ⤴ Unsafe and unethical practice identified during the application process may be referred to SLAPC's disciplinary committee and Professional Conduct Procedure.
- ⤴ The Membership ID and Card provided by the SLAPC has life time validity unless the membership category and personal information is updated, cancelled or suspended.
- ⤴ All Members who are upgrading their membership category MUST notify the office along while providing evidence of academic and work experience.
- ⤴ SLAPC has the rights to cancel or suspend any Membership Category at any time under following circumstances:
 - ✓ Falsification of qualifications and non-adherence to membership categories policy.
 - ✓ If the individual cannot provide sufficient evidence of academic qualifications and related work experience during the audit.
 - ✓ Ethical misconduct and Disciplinary issues.
 - ✓ Non-payment of the Annual Membership Fee on time.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL FEES

Membership Category	Annual Membership Fee
Student Member	Rs.750/=
Associate Member	Rs.1500/=
Registered Member	Rs.2000/=
Accredited Member	Rs.3000/=
Life-Ordinary Member*	Rs.10,000/=

*Members in this category are subjected to only one time payment for life.

BANK DETAILS

Account Number: **210100150005902**

Bank Name: **People's Bank**

Branch: **Co-op House Brach- Kollupitiya**

SLAPC Confirm the above details are accurate and will be in immediate effect from 1st March 2024 onwards.

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