



# asa by-laws

Classes of membership: May 2016

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The Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) offers the following classes of membership. Candidates for membership must meet the criteria relevant to their class of membership.

Candidates must support the purposes of the ASA and must meet the Terms and Conditions of membership.

1. **Ordinary Member:** A person eligible to be an Ordinary Member is one who is eligible for accreditation with the Australian Sonographers Accreditation Registry (ASAR) or New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board (NZMRTB) operating within the sonographer scope of practice.
2. **Non-voting Member:** A person, company or professional association eligible to be a Non-Voting member is one who:
  - is not eligible to be an Ordinary member but is a person, company or professional association with an active interest in the field of diagnostic medical sonography, or
  - is currently enrolled in a sonography course accredited by the ASAR or NZMRTB, or
  - is practicing sonography and currently resides outside Australia and New Zealand.

*The Non-Voting member categories are:*

- a) **Student member:** A person undertaking an ASAR or NZMRTB accredited sonography course.
- b) **Supporting member:** A person who is eligible to be an Ordinary member but is currently taking an extended period of leave.
- c) **Associate member:** A person who has an active interest in the field of diagnostic medical sonography.
- d) **Overseas member:** A person who is an practicing sonography and resides outside of Australia and New Zealand.
- e) **Affiliate member:** A professional association with an interest in diagnostic sonography.
- f) **Corporate member:** A company who has an active interest or provides services in the field of diagnostic medical sonography.
- g) **Retired member:** A person who is eligible for Ordinary membership but is no longer practicing sonography.
- h) **Honorary member:** A person who has made an outstanding contribution to the aims, objects or purposes of the Association may be elected by the Board as an Honorary Member for life, but shall not be a member of the Association for the purposes of the Corporations Act.

An Honorary Member shall:

- be entitled to notice of general meetings and to attend general meetings, and with the consent of the Chairperson of the meeting may take part in all discussions;
- not be entitled to vote or hold any office; and
- not be liable to pay any subscription or levy to the Association.

*Approved by the Board 12 May 2016*