

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019/20



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A NSW SOLICITOR PRACTISING CERTIFICATE PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM AS YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. INSTEAD, YOU MAY ELECT TO BE A 'SOLICITOR MEMBER' OF THE SOCIETY ON THE PRACTISING CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM.

1. APPLICATION DETAILS

Surname:	First name:
Other names:	Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other:
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY): <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Personal phone number:
Business phone number:	Fax:
Email address:	

POSTAL ADDRESS

Street number and name:	
City:	State:
Country:	Postcode:

2. STUDENTS AND FEES

Are you studying law - or have you recently successfully completed a course in law with the intention to practise as a solicitor - at any university, college or institution in Australia and the course is recognised for admission as an Australian lawyer?

No

Yes This category is only applicable to persons who are not eligible under any other category in Q4. As a student or recent graduate who is **not yet practising law**, associate membership to The Law Society is free. However, you must select "Student" in Q4. [Go to Q4](#) ▶

3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FEES (1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020)

Fees for members with an Australian postal address	
Total amount payable (if you are paying before 1 January 2020)	\$308 (inc \$28 GST)
Total amount payable (if you are paying on or after 1 January 2020)	\$154 (incl \$14 GST)
Members with an overseas postal address	
Total amount payable (if you are paying before 1 January 2020)	\$308
Total amount payable (if you are paying on or after 1 January 2020)	\$154
Fees for students	
Associate Membership fee is not applicable to students	Nil

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OFFICE USE ONLY:

LSID:	Receipt number:
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3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FEES (CONTINUED)

PAYMENT METHOD

Cheque/money order (made payable to The Law Society of New South Wales and attached to application form)

EFTPOS (payment to be made in person at the Law Society)

Credit card:

Amount to be charged: \$. Card type: Amex Mastercard Visa

Card number: Expiry date: /

Cardholder's name:

Cardholder's signature:

4. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Please indicate the category under which you seek to be eligible for associate membership to The Law Society (if you ticked 'Yes' in Q2, you must select Student (2) in the categories below and provide the relevant information).

1. ADMITTED IN AUSTRALIA

Select this category if you have been admitted to practise law in a State or Territory of Australia but do not hold a current practising certificate issued by The Law Society of New South Wales

Date of admission (DD/MM/YYYY): / /

Jurisdiction(s) within Australia where you are admitted

NSW

QLD

NT

SA

ACT

VIC

WA

TAS



Attach a copy of the Certificate of Admission (your form will be returned if it is not provided).

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2. STUDENT

Select this category if you intend to practise as a solicitor and are studying law or have recently successfully completed a course in law at any university, college or institution in Australia and the course is recognised for the purpose of admission as a lawyer.

Note: If you fall into any of the other categories in Q4, you are not eligible for the student category.

Name of institution:

Name of law degree:



Attach a photocopy of your student identification, together with evidence that you are studying law (your form will be returned if it is not provided).

Go to Q6 (Declaration) - student membership is free ►

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4. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (CONTINUED)

3. FOREIGN LAWYER

Select this category if you have been admitted to practise law in a foreign jurisdiction

Date of admission in foreign jurisdiction (DD/MM/YYYY): / /

Name of foreign jurisdiction:



Attach a copy of the Certificate of Admission (your form will be returned if it is not provided).

If practising foreign law in NSW, you may be required to register with The Law Society in accordance with legal profession legislation (as defined in the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act (2014)*). Forms are available at www.lawsociety.com.au/forms.

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4. LAW OFFICE MANAGER

Select this category if you are employed in a management role in a law office and the principal(s) are Solicitor Members of The Law Society of New South Wales

Name of law office:

Your job title:

Please note, your employer may be contacted in order to confirm your employment status.

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5. LEGALLY QUALIFIED

Select this category if you have a legal qualification recognised for the purpose of admission as a lawyer in Australia and you do not fit into any of the other categories

Name of legal qualification:

Name of institution:



Attach a copy of your degree or qualification (your form will be returned if it is not provided).

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5. CURRENT STATUS (OPTIONAL)

Please tick the box most appropriate to your current status:

<input type="checkbox"/> Retired solicitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Parental leave	<input type="checkbox"/> Overseas practitioner
<input type="checkbox"/> Barrister	<input type="checkbox"/> Study leave	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired barrister	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> Sabbatical
<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate practitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-legal employment
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal position (no Practising Certificate required)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="text" value="Please specify:"/>	

The Law Society is committed to providing the most appropriate services for its associate members. Therefore, we plan to survey members at various intervals in the future to identify areas where the Society can assist its associate members and develop services that are relevant to their needs. Your co-operation is appreciated in completing the above question.

6. DECLARATION

I wish to apply to become an Associate Member of The Law Society of New South Wales and declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I have read the *Personal Information Collection Notice* on this form before providing my personal information to the Law Society.

Signed:

Dated (DD/MM/YYYY): / /

LODGEMENT OF APPLICATION FORM

- Print this document and sign it where indicated.
- Attach any relevant documents.
Please note: Your application will be returned to you if the relevant documents are not attached.
- Return your form and any attachments to:

BY EMAIL

Scan the printed and signed form and attach it to an email.
Email your form to registry@lawsociety.com.au by clicking on the link.

BY FAX

F: 02 9926 0257 (from within Australia)
F: +61 2 9926 0257 (from overseas)

BY POST

The Law Society Registry - 170 Phillip St, Sydney NSW 2000
Or send to DX 362 Sydney

Please direct any queries to the Registry:

E: registry@lawsociety.com.au
T: +61 2 9926 0156
F: +61 2 9926 0257

PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTION NOTICE

By completing this form you are providing personal information to The Law Society of New South Wales (we, us, or our).

WHO DO WE COLLECT THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM?

We generally collect your personal information directly from you. However, in some cases, we may receive your personal information from a third party (for instance if we receive a complaint) and when it is relevant to our statutory responsibilities (for instance other regulators who have dealt with you).

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH WE COLLECT PERSONAL INFORMATION?

We collect your personal information to:

- fulfil our functions and responsibilities under, and facilitate compliance with, the *Legal Profession Act 2004* (NSW), the *legal profession legislation* (as defined in the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*), the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), the *Professional Standards Act 1994* (NSW) and associated regulations (which require and authorise us to collect certain information) including to maintain regulatory and corporate records;
- fulfil our role as a professional association including:
 - maintaining membership records
 - communicating with you to offer products, services and events and when you obtain a product or service or come to an event
 - to conduct research and provide public representation; and
- provide information to third parties as authorised or required by law.

WHAT IF WE DIDN'T COLLECT THIS PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Without your personal information we may not be able to process your application or request, perform our statutory functions or provide you with some or all of the services of the Law Society as a professional association.

WHO ARE THE TYPES OF BODIES AND PERSONS TO WHOM WE USUALLY DISCLOSE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Your personal information may be provided to:

- entities distributing information relevant to you as a legal practitioner or member of the Law Society;
- LawCover and other professional indemnity insurers and practising certificate funders;
- our professional advisors and contractors (strictly on the basis that the information is to be used only for providing services to the Law Society and must not be disclosed);
- Australian regulators and government entities (such as the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner) and overseas regulators; and
- organisations that represent the legal profession such as the Law Council of Australia and Regional Law Societies.

DISCLOSURE OVERSEAS

If you practise in a foreign country (or apply to do so) we may send your personal information overseas in response to an inquiry from the relevant authority in that place.

YOU CAN ACCESS AND CORRECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Our privacy policy contains information about how you may access your personal information and seek correction of such information; as well as how to complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how we will deal with such a complaint. Our privacy policy is accessible via a link appearing at the foot of each web page at www.lawsociety.com.au.

HOW TO CONTACT US

PRIVACY OFFICER

Corporate Legal Services
The Law Society of New South Wales
170 Phillip Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Telephone: (02) 9926 0333
Fax: (02) 9231 5809
Email: corplegal@lawsociety.com.au

Please do not return this form to the privacy officer

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

As the largest and most influential membership organisation for solicitors in Australia, The Law Society of New South Wales provides strong leadership and effective representation and support for the profession. Below are the key benefits Associate Members enjoy.

ENGAGE – CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND NETWORKING

- Access your peers and the profession's leading minds with more than 100 member-exclusive networking and education events, including the Annual Members Dinner, Just Art, the LSJ Speaker Series, Young Professionals Charity Ball, and the Golden Gavel
- A range of committee resources and events in specific areas of practice
- The opportunity to be a mentor or mentee within our range of mentoring programs

INNOVATE – FUTURE OF LAW AND INNOVATION IN THE PROFESSION (FLIP)

- Partake in FLIP initiatives and events, including the annual FLIP Conference and Innovation Dinner with a member saving of over \$800
- Other initiatives include a complimentary bi-monthly FLIP Inquiry Series – Behind the Buzzwords, the FLIP Regional Roadshow and #innovatelow2019 hackathon, and the FLIP Stream research collaboration with UNSW

DISCOVER – RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

- Annual subscription to the award-winning LSJ magazine, both print and online versions, valued at \$195
- Our Monday Briefs e-Newsletter as well as segment-specific e-Newsletters discussing skills and topics that matter to you
- Access to our facilities at 170 Phillip Street, including the Law Society Library, well appointed corporate facilities and the Law Society fine dining restaurant
- Access to precedents and forms that have been developed by leading practitioners
- A range of discounts at the Law Society shop and e-shop

SUPPORT – PRACTICE AND PERSONAL SUPPORT

- Full and exclusive access to online resources dedicated to all segments of the profession to support your practice
- Complimentary help with ethical and legal matters through our confidential advice lines and professional mandatory CPD seminars
- Member-only access to the Law Society of New South Wales Professional Standards Scheme, which allows members in private practice to limit their occupational liability
- Exclusive access to counselling and support services, including Lifeline for Lawyers, the Lawyers Assistance Program and online resources

LEARN – THE BEST ONGOING EDUCATION

- Enjoy a free premium subscription to LawInform with a 30 per cent discount on a wide range of online podcasts and face-to-face CPD seminars. Includes your very own CPD tracker
- Access the member-only Specialist Accreditation Program which enables practitioners to achieve accreditation as a specialist in their area of practice, with Accredited Specialist as a post-nominal title

REWARD – MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAM

Benefits include discounts and preferential access to a broad range of lifestyle and business products and services, including:

Auto:

- MBA Car Assist: Get the best deal on your new car with MBA Car Assist's free and easy service.
- Avis/Budget: car rental - 10 per cent discount on Australian car rentals plus great discounts on overseas car rentals.

Travel:

- Qantas: enjoy corporate membership rate and 20 per cent off The Qantas Club, Australia's largest domestic and international lounge network.
- MBA Travel: specialist holidays at discounted prices, from family friendly vacations to romantic couple's escapes, holidays for singles and everything in between.
- Accor/Sofitel: take advantage of discounts from 5-10 per cent off the best unrestricted rate of the day and corporate rates at selected Sofitel locations.
- QBE travel insurance - Receive extensive benefits on travel insurance with QBE International and Australian Travel Plans

Family:

- G8 Education: save 10 per cent on childcare gap fees for new enrolments at more than 160 select childcare centres across NSW and the ACT.

Finance:

- Westpac: whether you're buying your first place, refinancing or investing, Westpac's home loan offers at discounted rates are here for you. The dedicated Workplace Banking team can also help you with financing your business.
- OFX: offers a better deal on international money transfers through access to bank-beating exchange rates. Members will never be charged a single OFX transaction fee.

Health and Wellness:

- Bupa: save on select private health insurance products designed to suit your needs with fantastic corporate benefits.
- F45: offering a compelling group training experience for members who can enjoy 10 per cent off the listed price of memberships, including Flexi and 12-month options at select F45 clubs.

Practice Management:

- Allcom Networks: provide your firm with a better deal on integrated corporate IT services. - Clarence: Receive a free 2-month virtual office subscription or 10 per cent off serviced workplaces.
- Dragon Dictation: access speech recognition technology to help you to create and manage legal documentation, receive a 25 per cent discount on 5 x special offers.
- GlobalX: members receive Best Price Guarantee on regulatory search pricing and a 25 per cent discount on new Open Practice complete installs.
- Vollie: an online platform that connects members to not-for-profits for skills-based volunteering to help improve staff retention and gauge and compare our social impact through excellent reporting.
- Caltex: receive discounted fuel for your practice and employees.

More member benefits:

- Australian Energy: offers a free energy cost comparison and switching service for business and residential members. Just provide your latest bill.
- Entertainment Book: guide to the most popular restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more, all with up to 50 per cent off and 2-for-1 offers. Receive free delivery.
- Buyers Domain: receive Free Property Price Finder Reports, 10 per cent off the cost of the standard Full Property Search Service and \$20 off the cost of the standard Property Health Check Service.
- Red Balloon: enjoy exclusive discounts on thousands of unique and curated experiences.
- Roses Only: offer members a 10 per cent discount on all purchases.
- Jackson Frames: save up to 10 per cent on all professional and degree frames with Jackson Frames.

For a comprehensive guide to what membership of the Law Society can provide, including partner-specific terms and conditions, visit: lawsociety.com.au/membership. Information correct as at March 2019.