

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020/21



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: <input type="radio"/> Mr <input type="radio"/> Mrs <input type="radio"/> Ms <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Dr <input type="text" value="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 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021)

Fees for members with an Australian postal address	
Total amount payable	\$11 (includes GST)
Members with an overseas postal address	
Total amount payable	\$11
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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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:

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| <input type="radio"/> Retired solicitor | <input type="radio"/> Parental leave | <input type="radio"/> Overseas practitioner |
| <input type="radio"/> Barrister | <input type="radio"/> Study leave | <input type="radio"/> Travel |
| <input type="radio"/> Retired barrister | <input type="radio"/> Unemployed | <input type="radio"/> Sabbatical |
| <input type="radio"/> Interstate practitioner | <input type="radio"/> Illness | <input type="radio"/> Non-legal employment |
| <input type="radio"/> Legal position (no Practising Certificate required) | | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other | Please specify: <input style="width: 150px; height: 15px;" type="text"/> | |

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).

By lodging this application, you confirm that you have read the Personal Information Collection Notice and that you consent to The Law Society of New South Wales' collection, use and disclosure of information in accordance with that Notice. If you have any questions regarding the Personal Information Collection Notice please contact our Privacy Officer using the contact details below, prior to lodging this application.

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.

We use the services of certain third party service providers which may have offices or other operations outside of Australia. As a result, your personal information may be disclosed to overseas recipients. All service providers that have access to personal information held by us are required to keep the information confidential and not to make use of it for any purpose other than to provide services in accordance with their engagement.

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 lawsociety.com.au/privacy-policy

HOW TO CONTACT US FOR PRIVACY RELATED ISSUES

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
See page 5 for lodgement address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

We realise these are challenging times and, given the impact of COVID-19, the Law Society has reduced membership fees for practising solicitors to \$11 per practitioner (including GST) for the 2020/21 practising year.

In a world where social distancing has become the new normal, staying connected and maintaining a sense of community for our legal profession has never been more crucial. This is one of the major and practical benefits of membership. Outlined below are some of the other key benefits Associate Members enjoy.

SUPPORTING YOUR CAREER AND WELLBEING

- Access to our award-winning LawInform portal which hosts one of the largest CPD programs in Australia. You can track your CPD progress and receive up to 30 per cent off selected courses
- Get the latest information on how innovation is changing the profession via a number of Future of Law and Innovation in the Profession (FLIP) initiatives held throughout the year
- The opportunity to join one of our mentoring programs as either a mentor or mentee
- Access to our online wellbeing resources

STRENGTHENING YOUR PRACTICE

- Our solicitor referral service connects your practice to members of the public in need of legal advice
- Access a range of committee resources and events in specific areas of practice
- Utilise our CBD spaces, including a well-equipped training room, multiple function rooms, visiting solicitor rooms, purpose-designed mediation and arbitration facilities, and the Law Society fine dining restaurant
- Complimentary online and in-person access to the Law Society library
- Access a wide range of precedents and forms developed by leading practitioners
- 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
- Become recognised as an expert in your area of practice with member-only opportunities to apply for the Specialist Accreditation program

SERVING YOUR PROFESSION

- Complimentary help with ethical and legal matters through our confidential advice lines
- Meet your peers and the profession's leading minds with more than 100 events each year, covering everything from inspiring thought leadership forums to gala dinners, expert panels, conferences, fundraisers and more

- Annual subscription to the award-winning *LSJ* magazine, both print and online versions, plus access to the digital archive of every issue published since 1963 (available mid-2020)
- Regular email updates on legal current affairs, legislative changes, upcoming training and events and exclusive member services via Monday Briefs and segment-specific e-Newsletters
- Access a range of useful resources at discounted prices, including legal documents, books, leaflets, handbooks and merchandise via our shop and e-shop

UNLOCK EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS AND UPGRADES FROM THE FOLLOWING BRANDS AND SERVICES

AUTO:

- MBA Car Assist: Get the best deal on your new car with MBA Car Assist's free and easy service
- Avis/Budget: 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
- 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
- Virgin: Receive discounts on flights to over 600 destinations worldwide and discounted annual membership to the Virgin Australia Domestic lounges

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 AND PROPERTY:

- Westpac: Whether you're buying your first place, refinancing or investing, Westpac's home loan offers at discounted rates are here for you
- 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
- Buyers Domain: Get 10 per cent off a full property search service and secure your dream property
- NobleOak: Receive a 10 per cent lifetime discount on premium life direct insurance
- Legal Home Loans: Receive a cash rebate four weeks after settlement

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
- OPSM: Save 15 per cent off lenses and lens extras, plus free eye checks and glasses cleaning

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT:

- Clarence: Receive a free two-month virtual office subscription or 10 per cent off serviced workplaces
- Vollie: An online platform that connects members to not-for-profits for skills-based volunteering to help improve staff retention and gauge and compare social impact through excellent reporting
- Caltex: Receive discounted fuel for your practice and employees
- Art Gallery of NSW: Members receive an exclusive three free bonus months on any corporate 12-month package

UTILITY:

- Australian Business Energy: Offers a free energy cost comparison and switching service for business and residential members. Just provide your latest bill

SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT:

- Entertainment Book: A guide to the most popular restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more, all with valuable discounts up to 50% off and 2-for-1 deals
- 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
- THE ICONIC: Save between 10 and 15 per cent on selected brands
- Angus & Robertson/Booktopia: Save five per cent on books and more
- Fairfax & Roberts/By Fairfax & Roberts: Receive a 10 per cent discount on select jewellery pieces
- Kate Spade: Save 10 per cent off full priced Kate Spade items
- MJ Bale: Members receive 20 per cent off full-priced styles
- RM Williams: Save 15 per cent off clothing and accessories and five per cent off footwear

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 July 2020.