

Membership Registration - General Information

Types of Membership

a. Category A - Sports Therapy Memberships:

- I. **Registered Member:** Applicants must possess a valid professional registration with one of the following recognized bodies:
 - Society of Sports Therapists(SST), UK;
 - Sports Therapy Organization(STO), UK - Sports Therapy Category;
 - British Association of Sports Rehabilitators and Trainers(BASRaT);
 - Athletic Trainers/Therapists accredited by Board of Certification(BOC);
- II. **Student Member:** Applicants currently enrolled in a Sports Therapy program in Hong Kong or overseas, provided the curriculum is accredited by a recognized UK professional body or the BOC.
- III. **Non-practising Member:** Individuals who meet the criteria for Registered Membership but are not currently engaged in clinical practice (e.g., academics, lecturers, or researchers).

b. Category B - Non Sports Therapy Memberships:

- I. **Medical and Allied Health Professional Member:** Open to professionals with valid registration in Hong Kong, including Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Medical Practitioners, and Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners.
- II. **Professional Member:** Open to specialists in sports-related disciplines, such as Sports Scientists, Exercise Physiologists, and Strength and Conditioning Professionals.

Periods Available for Application of Category A Memberships

- The annual registration window is open from May 1st to June 30th. Effective from the 2026/27 cycle, applications will only be accepted during this period.
- **HK\$200 administrative surcharge applies to all applications submitted outside of the standard registration period.**

Fees

Category A - Sports Therapy Memberships:

- Registered member: \$400/year + *Insurance \$750.75(with Government Levy)

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- Student member: \$200/year + Insurance \$750.75(with Government Levy)

For Category A membership, \$200 administration fee will be charged for any application submitted beyond the abovementioned period, including non-practicing member applicants.

*As professional indemnity insurance will not apply to non-practicing member applicants, therefore the premium will be waived.

Category B - Non Sports Therapy Memberships:

- Memberships open throughout the year.
- Commencement date will be set on the 1st day of each month.
- Annual fee - \$600/year

How to Apply

To apply, please complete the following steps:

1. Submit the official online application form;
2. Upload all required supporting documentation;
3. Remit the applicable fees as instructed upon submission.

Documents Required for Application

- a. For registered and non-practicing members:

A copy of the registered member certificate must be uploaded to the online form that has been filled out. Application will be approved when all documents are verified and fees received.

Applicants without current membership in the aforementioned bodies must provide official academic transcripts and certificates from an accredited program. The Association reserves the right to request additional documentation during the verification process.

Before approving a member, the Association will consider if there are any other similar professional groups that are not on the list.

- b. For student members: A copy of their student identity card or equivalent documents that indicates their current programme of study. **An extra document to prove the current status of students may be requested.**

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- c. For medical and allied health members: no extra documents needed. **Please ensure your name is the same as the related registration board.**
- d. For professional members: applicants must attach a copy of academic diploma/degree that is justified with the professional. Any specialist certifications can be attached with this application form if you have.

Documents and Notes to Successful Applicants

a. Category A Memberships

Registered and Non-Practicing Members:

Successful applicants will be notified by email within 2-4 weeks from the date of submission and followed with the following documents:

- Registration Certificate
- Code of Practice Handbook
- Scope of Practice Handbook
- Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy Provision(excluded non-practicing members)

A HK\$40 administration fee is required if members request hard copies of the above certificates.

Members can use the title “**Registered Sports Therapist**” and “**STAoHK-Reg**” in stationeries, promotional materials, and media interviews, etc.as well as promoting the sports therapy profession in the name of Association. The registration certificate must be present in the area that is visible to the patients such as the clinic (except non-practicing members).

Types of the registered member will be displayed on the certificate.

Student Members:

Successful applicants will be notified by email within 2-4 weeks from the date of submission and followed with the following documents:

- Registration Certificate
- Code of Practice Handbook
- Scope of Practice Handbook
- Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy Provision

Student Members can use the title “**Student Sports Therapist**” and “**STAoHK-Stu**” in stationeries, promotional materials, and media interviews, etc. as well as promoting the sports therapy profession in the name of Association;

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b. Category B Memberships

Successful applicants will be notified by email within one month from the date of form submission and followed with the following documents:

- Membership certificate

Members can use the title “**Member of Sports Therapists Association of Hong Kong**” in stationeries, promotional materials, and media interviews, etc. as well as promoting the sports therapy profession in the name of Association.

c. Payment:

Successful applicants must pay the membership fee and insurance premium(when applicable) before the submission of the registration. If an applicant pays by bank transfer, payment shall be made within 7 days from the date of approval. **Late payers will be charged an administrative fee of \$200.**

d. Commencement dates:

Category A Memberships - **1st July each year.**

Category B Memberships - it will commence at 1st day of each month if no insurance is needed.

Membership Renewal

a. For registered members:

Members are obligated to maintain their registered membership annually with the following requirements met(excluded non-practicing members):

1. Continue education hours - **32 hours in the past 12 months.**
2. Valid first aid certificate with **AED and practical component.**
3. **Resubmission of an underwriting questionnaire** to fulfil the insurance requirement.
4. Pay the renewal fee and insurance premium.

Requirements 1 and 2 will be confirmed by signing of declaration. A random audit will be performed for the registrants during the validity period.

If dues are not paid at the time of renewal, the membership will lapse. **If a member revives the membership within one (1) month of the membership ending, an extra HK\$200 as an administration fee will be charged.**

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If an applicant's membership has **lapsed for more than one (1) month, the association may ask for proof of work and academic experience that is relevant, plus \$400 administration fee.**

b. For Student Members:

Members are obligated to maintain their registered membership annually with the following requirements met:

- Student status is valid;
- Signed declaration form.

If dues are not paid at the time of renewal, the membership will lapse. If a member revives the membership within one (1) month of the membership ending, **an extra HK\$200 as an administration fee will be charged.**

If an applicant's membership has lapsed for more than one (1) month, the association may ask for proof of academic status before approval, **plus \$400 administration fee.**

Rights and Obligations of Members

a. For Category A - Registered and Non-Practicing Members:

Rights

- I. To elect and be elected and the right to vote;
- II. Professional title display and representation as a **“Registered Sports Therapist”** and **“STAoHK-Reg** in the clinic, on the name card and in media interviews, etc., as well as promoting the sports therapy profession under the name of Association; For Non-practicing members, title display should be: **“Registered Sports Therapist(NP)”** and **STAoHK-Reg(NP).**
- III. Discounts or privileges with the collaborated partners.
- IV. Priority to engage the activities hosted by the Association.

Obligations

- I. Observe the Code of Practice, Scope of Practice, Position Statements and Guidelines set and published by the Association;
- II. Pay the annual fee for valid membership.

b. For Category A - Student Members:

Rights

- I. Professional title display and representation as a **“Student Sports Therapist”** and **“STAoHK-Stu”** on the name card and in media interviews, etc., as well as promoting the sports therapy profession in the name of Association;
- II. Discounts or privileges with the collaborated partners.

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Obligations

- I. Observe the Guidelines to Student Sports Therapist, Position Statements and Guidelines set and published by the Association;
- II. Pay the annual fee for valid membership.

c. For Category B - Non-Sports Therapy Memberships:

Rights

- I. Representation as a “**Member of Sports Therapists Association of Hong Kong**” on the name card and in media interviews, etc., as well as promoting the sports therapy profession in the name of Association;
- II. Discounts or privileges with the collaborated partners.

Obligations

- I. Observe the Code of Practice, Scope of Practice, Position Statements and Guidelines set and published by the Association(insured members only);
- II. Pay the annual fee for valid membership.

Further Enquiry

- Email: enquiry@staohk.org
- Phone and WhatsApp: 6881 6864

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