

Application for Ordinary Membership

HOW TO APPLY

Simply complete this application form and return it to our Member Services Team via your preferred method from the options below.

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MAIL: The Law Society of Western Australia
PO Box Z5345, Perth WA 6831

EMAIL: membership@lawsocietywa.asn.au

ENQUIRIES: (08) 9324 8692

IN PERSON: The Law Society of Western Australia,
Level 4, 160 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

OFFICE USE ONLY: MEM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: _____ Mr _____ Mrs _____ Ms _____ Miss _____ Mx _____ N/A _____ Other (please specify) _____

Given Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: DD/MM/YYYY _____

Qualifications: _____

Admission Date: DD/MM/YYYY _____

PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS

This is my preferred mailing address (please tick) _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Referred by: _____

PROFESSIONAL CONTACT DETAILS

This is my preferred mailing address (please tick) _____

Position Title: _____

Organisation Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please supply two email addresses to receive important membership information and news. This will ensure we can contact you should you change employers.

Primary Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025)

Ordinary Membership Category For the below categories of Ordinary Membership, please attach a copy of your Practising Certificate (or proof of employment for Commonwealth employees)	Full year fees (Inc GST) (Pro-rata avail.)	Bundled with FREE CPD Freedom Until 31 July 2024	Bundled with CPD Freedom after 31 July
Senior (City)	\$895	\$895	\$1,595
Senior (Country)	\$785	\$785	\$1,135
Senior (Community Legal Centre)	\$560	\$560	\$910
Senior (Government)	\$560	\$560	\$1,260
Part Time (City)	\$530	\$530	\$1,230
Part Time (Country)	\$485	\$485	\$835
Part Time (Government)	\$395	\$395	\$1,095

Member of the WA Bar Association (City)	\$795	\$795	\$1,495
Member of the WA Bar Association (City - Part time)	\$480	\$480	\$1,180
Member of the WA Bar Association (Country)	\$695	\$695	\$1,045
Member of the WA Bar Association (Country – Part time)	\$440	\$440	\$790
Restricted Practitioner (City)	\$560	\$560	\$910
Restricted Practitioner (Country)	\$515	\$515	\$865
Restricted Practitioner (Community Legal Centre)	\$415	\$415	\$765
Restricted Practitioner (Government)	\$415	\$415	\$765
Overseas Member	\$395	\$395	\$745

The Membership year runs 1 July - 30 June but new memberships are welcome throughout the year, with pro-rata fees available. Please see lawsocietywa.asn.au for current pro-rata fees.* Membership may be tax deductible and claimable against Professional Development allowances. *Please note CPD Freedom and Professional Standards Scheme are not offered on a pro-rata basis. **The fees for continuing with CPD Freedom after 1 August are the full year fee + either \$700 or \$350 depending on member category

OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Please list any other professional organisations of which you are a member:

DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Unless you notify the Law Society otherwise in writing:

- your new member status will be listed in the Law Society's *Brief* journal; and
- it is assumed that the Law Society is authorised to disclose the fact of your membership to any reputable organisation which the Law Society might be associated with if that association results in a benefit to the Law Society.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME

On 1 July 2024 the Law Society launched a Professional Standards Scheme (Scheme) for the benefit of its members. Further information about the Scheme may be found on the Law Society's website at lawsocietywa.asn.au/pss.

Incorporated Legal Practice (ILP) members, Ordinary members and Life members of the Law Society who hold an Australian Practising Certificate are automatically members of the Scheme unless exempted by the Law Society from participation on application by the member.

To allow the Law Society to administer the Scheme appropriately, and to calculate the monetary ceiling (maximum amount of liability) which may apply in any given case, the Law Society requires each applicant for Ordinary membership who holds an Australian Practising Certificate, and each applicant for ILP membership, to complete a form headed "Professional Standards Scheme Participant Information".

Any application for Ordinary membership (by a person who holds an Australian Practising Certificate) or ILP membership must be accompanied by:

- a completed "Professional Standards Scheme Participant Information" form OR
- in the case of a person seeking exemption, subject to s30(4) of the *Professional Standards Act 1997*, an Application for Exemption from participation in the Scheme.

Are you completing an application for Ordinary or ILP membership of the Law Society?

↓ Yes

Do you wish to retain the benefits of participation in the Scheme?

↓ Yes

Complete the Professional Standards Scheme **Participant Information Form** at the same time as you complete the application for Law Society Ordinary or ILP membership. [CLICK HERE](http://lawsocietywa.asn.au/pss/) to access the online form or find it at lawsocietywa.asn.au/pss/

→ No

Complete the Professional Standards Scheme **Exemption Form** at the same time as you complete the application for Law Society Ordinary or ILP membership. [CLICK HERE](http://lawsocietywa.asn.au/pss/) to access the online form or find it at lawsocietywa.asn.au/pss/

If you have any questions regarding the Professional Standards Scheme contact the Scheme Coordinator at pss@lawsocietywa.asn.au or calling (08) 9324 8652.

MEMBER AGREEMENT

I acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) my membership is subject to the Constitution of the Law Society (as amended from time to time);
- (b) as a requirement for Ordinary membership, the Constitution of the Law Society requires an Ordinary member to be an Australian Legal Practitioner or a person who is lawfully entitled under the laws of the Commonwealth to practise in Western Australia;
- (c) by:
 - (i) s6 of the *Legal Profession Act Uniform Law 2022 (WA)* (the Uniform Law), an Australian legal practitioner means an Australian lawyer who holds a current Australian practising certificate; and
- (d) all Australian legal practitioners practising in Western Australia are governed by the Uniform Law (as amended from time to time) and bound by the Uniform Law Conduct Rules (as amended from time to time) in addition to any duty or requirement imposed on a practitioner by statute, law or equity; and
- (e) As an Australian Legal Practitioner seeking or renewing membership of the Law Society the Professional Standards Scheme applies to me and in order to notify the Law Society of my participation, I am required to submit a Professional Standards Scheme Participation Information form.
- (f) As an Australian Legal Practitioner seeking or renewing membership of the Law Society and exemption from participation in the Professional Standards Scheme I am required to submit an application for exemption from the Scheme, or to be an Australian Legal Practitioner on whose behalf an application for exemption has been made.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PAYMENT PLAN

A part-payment plan is available for eligible members to pay their membership fees in 12 instalments. ([Refer to the Information Sheet for eligibility criteria.](#))

If you have any queries regarding part-payment participation please contact Member Services on (08) 9324 8692 or email membership@lawsocietywa.asn.au.

Please tick the appropriate subscription payment:

Annual Payment

Part Payment

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Submit this completed application form to Member Services via any of the nominated methods indicated in the **'How to Apply'** section.

Please indicate below how you would like to finalise your payment:

Please send me a tax invoice with payment instructions

Please contact me via phone and I will provide my payment details

Please send a tax invoice to my firm with payment instructions as indicated in my **'Professional Contact Details'** above

I have presented my application in person and arranged payment at the Law Society's office

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