
Initial membership process

Eligibility

Those eligible for **SLASLP** membership are SLTs/SLPs who possess a minimal qualification of a higher diploma ¹ or Bachelor of Science degree in Speech and Language Therapy/Pathology/ Speech and Hearing Sciences or a dual qualification in both Speech and Language

Therapy/Pathology and Audiology from a local² or internationally³ recognized university.

A SLMC registration is a legal requirement for healthcare practitioners in Sri Lanka and is therefore mandatory for the category of full-time member.

Membership category

There are four membership categories; Full-time Member, Overseas member, Transition Member and Student Member. The criteria for the above categories are as follows;

Full-time Member (FT Member): A locally based practitioner who fulfills the above eligibility criteria and possess the necessary qualification to practice as a SLP/SLT and has a SLMC membership.

Transition member: A transition member is a locally based qualified practitioner who fulfills the above criteria, possesses the necessary qualification to practice as a SLP/SLT but has not yet received a SLMC membership.

Student member: A student member is an individual registered at a local or foreign university on a course that would make him/her eligible to practice as a SLP/SLT upon completion of the same.

Overseas member: A qualified SLT/SLP who is based outside of Sri Lanka, fulfills the above eligibility criteria and possess the necessary qualification to practice as a SLP/SLT. SLMC registration is not mandatory. However, the applicant, if practicing should be registered with the professional body for SLTs/SLPs of the country they reside in.

1 Applicable to those qualified before 2006

2 The medical Faculty, Ragama, which is the medical faculty of the University of Kelaniya, is currently the only accredited institution in the island to award a professional qualification in SLT.

3 The international university should be one recognized by the SLMC

Declaration

By becoming a member of the [SLASLP](#) you agree to the following.

- Renewing membership annually by paying the relevant membership fee prior to the 31st of December each year
- Being registered with and adherence to the standards set by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) and the [Sri Lankan Association of Speech and Language Pathologists \(SLASLP\)](#)
- Commitment to enhancing and updating your subject-related knowledge and competence in your relevant expertise
- Agreement to actively engage in Continuing Professional Development (CPDs) activities.
- Maintain an up-to-date record for CPDs through the year and submit it in support of a membership renewal application at the end of the year
- Commitment to adhering with the updated version of the [SLASLP](#) constitution
- Engage in best practice in the delivery of high-quality service provision
- Ensure that the scope of practice undertaken as an SLP/SLT will be within and limited to your professional education and training
- Refrain from any unsupervised professional activity that is not enclosed by your professional education and training.
- Having no previous criminal records or be currently involved in any illegal activity or bad practice that could lead to an investigation, be subjected to censure and/or prosecution, in a civil or criminal context.

Fee Structure

The fee structure;

	F-T Member	Overseas member	Transition member	Student member
Registration fee	3000LKR	30USD	3000LKR	-
Annual membership fee	2000LKR	15USD	1000LKR	500LKR
Rejoining fee	3500LKR	-	3500LKR	500LKR

The **registration fee** is a one-time payment made when first applying for membership. The registration fee is also chargeable from those who fail to renew their membership annually and applies for re-joining.

The **annual membership fee** is a yearly payment made to the association in order to keep your membership at the **SLASLP** updated and active.

A **rejoining fee** is charged for those who have been members in the past, holds a valid but inactive **SLASLP** membership number but request to re-join due to cancellation of membership owing to the non-payment of annual membership fees during the stipulated time period (and grace-period).

Payment Details

Make a payment to the association's bank account;

Account no:100461003865

Account name: Sri Lankan Association of Speech and Language Pathologists

Bank: Sampath bank (Borella branch)

Informing the finance team

Once the payment has been made, the finance team should be informed. You should scan your receipt and email it to the finance team at finance.slaslp@gmail.com

Membership application and list of documents

Following the payment, you will receive an email from the membership registration team with an application form and an instructions sheet. You are expected to fill the document and email it back to the membership registration team. membership.slaslp@gmail.com

The following are a list of documents that require to be submitted in support of your application.

Application category	Application support documents
Full-time members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All degree/ Advance Diploma certificate⁴ • SLMC registration and/or registration in a foreign SLT/SLP professional body of the country the applicant is practicing/residing in. • Copy of the NIC/Passport or other valid personal identification
Transition members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree transcripts • Copy of student ID card • SLMC registration • Copy of the NIC/Passport or other valid personal identification
Student members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of studentship and copy of student ID card • Copy of the NIC/Passport or other valid personal identification
Overseas members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All degree/ Advance Diploma certificates⁴ • If practicing abroad, registration in the SLT/SLP professional body of the country in which the applicant is practicing. • SLMC registration (optional) • Copy of the NIC/Passport or other valid personal identification

The verification processes

The SLASLPs membership registration team comprises of five persons who are responsible for reviewing all membership applications. The chairperson of the membership registration team is a current office bearer. The current President, one Jt. secretary and one senior council member are also assigned as advisories to the membership team but are not influential in decision-making.

⁴ Certificates/documents should be submitted in support of all qualifications listed in the application form. Letters/transcripts could be provided for completed Masters, MPhil. and Ph.D. qualifications awaiting graduation.

Once your application and support documents have been received, the membership team will verify its authenticity. By submitting an application, you provide the membership registration team with the authority to contact, if and when required, any relevant officer/ persons who are able to verify the information you have provided in your application. They will contact you via e-mail and if necessary, via telephone if any further clarification/ information/verification is required.

If you have any concerns with regard to the handling and processing of your membership application, you may email us at srilankanassociationslp@gmail.com. Your query will be dealt with impartially.

Certificate of membership

Once the verification process is complete, you will receive a confirmation email from the membership registration team. You will also be issued a membership certificate via email. Once you are a member you will have the opportunity to have a profile on our website. This could be used in your professional practice. By providing this to the public, consultants and other relevant persons, they will be able to view your profile on the association website.

CPDs and your professional growth

In order to qualify for membership renewal for the following year, it is required that a member attends a minimum of 50% CPDs organized for the previous membership year. In addition to this, we encourage you to attend as many CPDs and training programs relevant to your expertise although it is not mandatory for the purpose of membership renewal.

Membership renewal

- Your membership expires on the 31st of December each year.
- In November each year, you will receive an email from the finance team with a reminder to pay your annual membership fee for the upcoming year and with details of a set time-line for payment.
- Members who make the payment within the stipulated time frame will receive a confirmation email from the finance team.

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- The membership team will then contact with you with a *renewal application and declaration form* in which you are required to update all information provided in your initial application including any changes that may have occurred during the past year. Supporting documents will be requested for any new professional qualification that has been added to the renewal application and the above-mentioned verification process would follow.
 - Once your renewal application has been renewed, the membership team will confirm your renewed membership. You may then continue to enjoy the range of membership benefits during the year ahead.

Requirements for renewal of membership

All members requesting for membership renewal should pay the annual membership fee (Full members:2000LKR and Transitional members: 1000LKR) in the due time.

Non-payments and cancellation of membership

If your annual membership payment is neglected, you will be removed from the SLASLP online database and all other member benefits ceased.

You will be required to pay the rejoining fee and membership fee in order to re- activate your [SLASLP](#) membership. Accordingly, re-activation of membership for 2023-2024 is LKR. 5500.

