



Passionately Educating the Industry and Consumers about Gemstones

APPLY FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Membership of The Gemmological Association is open to people from all walks of life.

2018 Annual Membership Fees: **Financial Member - \$225.00** **Pensioner Member - \$155.00**
(To gain a pensioner discount on membership fees you must be able to produce a Government issued Pensioner card when you join.)

Membership benefits include:

- Special member rates on GAA's many courses in gemmology. A sample of some of our popular courses include:-
 - ▶ Diploma in Gemmology
 - ▶ Introduction to Gems & Gemmology
 - ▶ Retail Training
 - ▶ Advanced Practical Diamond Grading
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 - ▶ Jewellery Sketching
 - ▶ Introduction to Antique Jewellery
 - ▶ Pearl Threading
 - ▶ Diploma in Diamond Technology
 - ▶ Advanced Opals
 - ▶ Retail Diamond Consultant
 - ▶ Advanced Gemstone Inclusions
- Receipt of a quarterly issue of *The Australian Gemmologist*, an informative and prestigious journal of the Gemmological Association of Australia.
- A copy of the NSW Division's quarterly magazine - *Gem Review*.
- Invitations to member events featuring guest speakers on topics pertinent to gemmology and the jewellery industry.
- Complimentary copies of our point-of-sale diamond '4C's' information brochure.
- Window decal and in-store A4 certificate stating that you are a member of the GAA for the current year.
- Access to the members' only part of the GAA website.
- Access to the NSW Division's extensive library and laboratory by appointment.
- Industry networking opportunities.
- Award of Fellowship, and the post nominal FGAA, following successful completion of the Association's Diploma in Gemmology and an appropriate application to the Federal Council.
- The GAA Diploma in Diamond Technology with post nominal Dip DT.

I, _____

Title	First Name	Middle Name/s	Surname	Preferred Name

hereby make application for membership of the Gemmological Association of Australia as an ordinary member, and enclose the sum of \$247.00 (being for the annual subscription of \$225 and the one off entrance fee of \$22.00).
 \$177.00 (being \$155.00 for a pensioner discount for annual subscription plus the one-off entrance fee of \$22.00)

Current Employer: _____

Role / Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (M) _____ (B) _____

Email: _____

Method of Payment Credit Card Direct Deposit* Cheque - payable to "GAA (NSW) Div" Cash

Enclosed is \$ _____ **OR**, please debit my Mastercard Visa Amex

Card No. _____ Expiry Date: ____/____ CCV No. _____

Card Holder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

* Please contact the NSW office on (02) 9263 5078 to obtain correct banking details for payment.

- ▶ I require a GAA membership window decal Yes No
- ▶ Are you in the jewellery industry? Yes No
- ▶ How did you hear about the GAA?
 - From a member? If so, who? _____
 - Magazine? Which one? _____
 - Web site? Which one? _____
 - A jewellery store? Which one? _____
 - Newspaper? Which one? _____
 - Gem Show? Which one? _____
 - Your employer? Who? _____
 - Other? _____

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GAA Code of Ethics - Section 4 Resolutions of Federal Council

The Federal Council is the governing body of the Association and is made up of representatives from all states. The council meets face-to-face annually and by teleconference or Internet each month.

- 4.1 The code of Ethics shall apply to all Fellows and State Association members.
- 4.2 The conduct of Fellows and State Association members is to be such as to uphold the reputation of the GAA. Their responsibility to the community is to be of paramount importance.
- 4.3 No state association member is to conduct himself in a manner that creates disharmony or is detrimental to the reputation of the GAA, its members, sub-committees, officers or members of the State Divisions.
- 4.4 Fellows and State Association members shall avoid, and discourage, unsubstantiated statements, misleading descriptions (of gems, synthetic and imitation material), and seek to present correct information with truth and impartiality.
- 4.5 Fellows and State Association members should endeavour to explain fully, to members of the public and those untrained in Gemmology, the meaning and importance of gemmological terms and names, especially where these relate to a financial transaction (i.e. buying and selling of gem materials).
- 4.6 Fellows and State Association members may not use, for personal gain, nor disclose, confidential information arising out of work performed for their client or employer. They should not, deliberately or carelessly, express professional opinions likely to adversely affect the reputation, business or prospects of other Fellows, or members of the Association.
- 4.7 If a Fellow or State Association member seriously believes another Fellow or State Association member to be guilty of unethical, illegal or unfair practice, it is their duty to present such information to the Federal Council for consideration; after notifying the other Fellow or State Association member involved in an appropriate manner.
- 4.8 Fellows and State Association members, when engaged in Gemmology, must remain impartial and unbiased at all times and not place themselves under any obligation by means of substantial favours.

As a member, I agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of the Association, the Rules of the Federal Council and the By-Laws of the NSW Division Council. I have read the Code of Ethics of the Gemmological Association of Australia (above) and understand these conditions.

Membership fees are non-refundable

Signature

Date

Your membership fees will also be utilised for:

- Maintaining facilities at the NSW State Division so that we can continue to deliver world-class education.
- Publicity and marketing programs to better educate the public about gemstones and gemmology.
- Fostering links between our Association and other important trade bodies.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Personal details of members held by the NSW Division of the Gemmological Association of Australia are maintained by the NSW Division in secure circumstances. Address details are used only for communication purposes by both the Association and the Division. These details are not sold or forwarded to any other organisation and will not be used for any other purposes without the written consent of the member.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Rec'd:	Entry Fee:	Subs:	Membership No:
Receipt No:	Date Recommended:		