



APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Surname:	Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr	Date of Birth: / /
First Name:	Middle Name/s:	
Residential Address:	Suburb	Post Code
Postal Address: (if different from above)	Suburb	Post Code
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Home Phone:	Work:	Mobile
Email: (Personal)	Email: (Work)	
Have you previously been a member of GAA under this or another name: If so please give details:		

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

I hereby make application for membership of the Gemmological Association of Australia. I understand that the Membership fees are not refundable. If I am accepted a member I agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of the Association, the Resolutions of the Federal Council, and the by-laws of the Division's management committee. I have read and understand the Code of Ethics of the Gemmological Association of Australia.

Membership fees are paid annually, and the joining fee is required with this application.

I understand that the joining fee is \$22 (Once only fee to NEW Members) and the Membership fee for 2023 (from 01 January to 31 December) is: **(PLEASE SELECT)** \$220 Ordinary Member \$150 Pensioner Discount Member
(A Government issued Pensioner card must be able to provide when applying Pensioner Discount Rate)

Full Name:	Signature	Date: / /

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit Card **OR** **Direct Deposit***

Please debit \$_____ from my Mastercard Visa AMEX

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

Card Holder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Bank Account Details

BSB: 032-006 Account: 724145
Account Name: Gemmological Association of Australia (NSW Div)
*** NOTE: Include your name as a reference when completing the electronic transfer**

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Personal details of members held by The Gemmological Association of Australia, its Member Divisions and the Gemmological Association of Great Britain's educational arm Gem-A are maintained in secure circumstances. Address details are used only for communication purposes by both the Association and Member Divisions. These details are not sold or forwarded to any other organization and will not be used for any other purpose without the written consent of the member.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Before you return this application, please take a minute to complete this brief Questionnaire:

How did you hear about the GAA?

- From a member? Gem show?
- Newspaper? Name _____
- Magazine? Name _____
- Advertised in a Jewellery Store? Name _____
- Website? Address _____
- Other: _____

Are you currently in the Jewellery Trade **YES / NO** If YES what part? _____

- Have you personally funded the course fees?
- Have you had the course fees funded by your employer?

I would like to receive a GAA membership window decal
 an Electronic GAA NSW member certificate
 offers from external companies that the GAA may forward on occasion

Do you use the GAA logo on your website or stationery? Yes No

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 Industry, Gem Enthusiast & Consumers about gemstones and gemmology.
- Fostering links between our Association and other important trade bodies.

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

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Special member rates on GAA's many courses in gemmology. A sample of some of our popular courses include: -
 - Diploma in Gemmology
 - Advanced Practical Diamond Grading
 - Introduction to Gems & Gemmology
 - Gemmology for Retail - Correspondence
 - Advanced Gemstone Inclusions
 - Advanced Opals
 - Diamond Consultancy
 - Intro to Separation of Natural & Synthetic Gemstones (in Mandarin)
 - Practical Diamond Grading
 - Diploma in Diamond Technology
 - Jewellery Design – Concept to Creation
 - Introduction to Antique Jewellery
 - Pearl Threading
 - Synthetic & Gemmology Update
- Receipt of the two issues of *The Australian Gemmologist*, an informative and prestigious journal of the GAA.
- A copy of the NSW Division's quarterly magazine - *Gem Review*.
- Free GAA live webinars from gemmologists around the world on latest and greatest gemological topics.
- Discount of 10% on books and instruments from GAA Shop Online.
- Invitations to member events featuring guest speakers on topics pertinent to gemmology and the jewellery industry.
- Complimentary digital copy 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 NSW Division's extensive library and laboratory by appointment.
- Industry networking opportunities.
- Award of Fellowship and the postnominal FGAA, following successful completion of the Association's Diploma in Gemmology and an appropriate application to the Federal Council.
- Use of the postnominal Dip DT, following successful completion of the Association's Diploma in Diamond Technology.
- The Association's Research Diplomas in Gemmology, and the postnominal Dip GR, following the successful submission of a suitable thesis.

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.