



# GAA

Gemmological Association of Australia

## Membership Application Form Victorian Division 2024

### APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Surname:	Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr	Date of Birth
First Name:	Middle Name/s:	
Postal Address	Postcode:	
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Home Phone:	Work:	Mobile:
Email:		
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. If I am accepted as 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 understand that Membership fees are not refundable. Membership fees include a subscription to the journal of the Association "The Australian Gemmologist" as well as Divisional newsletters.

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

I understand that the joining fee is **\$40** (Once only fee to NEW Members) and the Membership fee for **2024** is

(PLEASE SELECT) ☐ **\$240** Ordinary ☐ **\$180** Senior (Card number required) ☐ **\$200** Overseas

		<b>SIGN HERE</b>	/	/
Full Name:	Signature	Date		

### PRIVACY STATEMENT

Personal details of members held by The Gemmological Association of Australia and its Member Divisions 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.

## NOMINATORS

It is a requirement that membership applications be supported by two nominations from current members of the GAA. If unable to locate a nominator and/or seconder please contact the GAA Victoria office on +61 03 9326 6160.

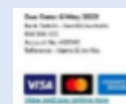
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Nominator:	Seconder:
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Address:	Address:
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Signature:	Signature:

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

GAA Victoria uses Xero for payments.

**An invoice will be raised on the acceptance and processing of your enrolment and membership applications. This will be emailed to the person responsible for payment.**

**The invoice will include a link for secure payment using either bank transfer or credit card.**



PLEASE NOTE: Membership and entrance fees are non refundable.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

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

How did you hear about the GAA?

- |                                                                      |                                                                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> From a member?                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gem show?                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper? Name _____                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you personally funded the course fees?           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine? Name _____                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you had the course fees funded by your Employer? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertised in a Jewellery Store? Name _____ |                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website? Address _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                          |

Are you currently in the Jewellery Trade YES / NO If YES what part? \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I would like to receive offers from external companies that the GAA may forward on occasion
- ☐ I would like to receive information on special advertising rates and the like that are offered to GAA members

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The GAA is owned and managed, by members, for members. Activities and the facilities are there for your benefit, so please make yourself at home when you're at GAA House.

Your valued member benefits:

- 2 FREE editions per year of the 'Australian Gemmologist'.
- Member recognition of Australia's oldest specialist educator for the Jewellery and Gem communities.
- Connection with fellow members of the association.
- 10% Discount on Books and instruments and special member rates for seminars and events.
- Use of the GAA gem testing laboratory and reference library during weekdays and by arrangement.
- Annual membership certificate, membership card and optional window decal for your business.
- Use of the GAA logo on your website, business cards and letterhead, upon application and approval.
- Free on-line Webinars by Leading experts from around the world.
- Priority invitations to seminars by experts from around the world.
- Eligible to participate in local and international conferences.
- Priority access to ongoing professional development, and discounts for all GAA Courses.
- Social events, activities and networking opportunities with colleagues and fellow members.
- Free admission to the yearly GAA Christmas Party.
- Discount membership for Seniors.

Fellows (ongoing) of the Association are also entitled to the following benefits:

- Permission to apply for and use the FGAA post-nominals.
- Belong with respected status, to a world-renowned Association since 1945.
- Professional regard as a highly qualified Gemmologist, providing reassurance for clients and associates.
- Highlights your support for ethical and accurate trading and values.
- A rightly earned sense of pride and achievement as a graduate of the Gemmological Association of Australia.

## SECTION 4 - CODE OF ETHICS (PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

- 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.