GAA
Gemmological Association of Australia

Individual Membership Application Form

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APPLICANT'S DETAILS

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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 as a member, I agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of the Association, the GAA Code of Ethics and Conduct and the current Bylaws of the Federal Council.

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) *PLUS* the Membership fee for 2026 (covers from 01 Jan to 31 Dec 2026) 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)

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Full Name:	Signature	Date

METHOD OF PAYMENT

○ ***Online Invoice Payment***

A MYOB online invoice with a secure payment link will be sent to you on processing your membership application. The invoice can be paid online using credit cards, BPay & PayPal.

○ ***Scan the QR Code***

○ ***Direct Deposit* (Include your name as a reference when completing the electronic transfer)***

Bank Account Details:

BSB: 032-006 Account: 724145
Account Name: Gemmological Association of Australia (NSW Div)

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Personal details of members held by The Gemmological Association of Australia, 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.

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? _____

Please tell us a little about yourself and why you wish to become a member?

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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

Two issues of The Australian Gemmologist will be received via digital distribution, if you wish to receive a print version, please tick here ☞ ☞ ☐

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

- Receipt of the two issues of *The Australian Gemmologist,* an informative and prestigious journal of the GAA.
- Discount membership for Pensioners.
- Social events, activities and networking opportunities with colleagues and fellow members.
- Free GAA online webinars from Gemmologists around the world on latest and greatest gemological topics.
- Eligible to participate in local and international conferences.
- 10% Discount on books and instruments purchased from GAA shop.
- Invitations to member events featuring guest speakers on topics pertinent to gemmology and the jewellery industry.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- Permission to apply for and use the **FGAA** post-nominals
- Use of the **FGAA** GAA LOGO on your website, business cards and letterhead, upon application and approval.
- ***Please note you will not be granted permission to use the GAA LOGO on a Valuation or similar document.***
- 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.

GAA Code of Ethics and Conduct

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.

1. The Code of Ethics and Conduct shall apply to all Fellows and State Association members of the Gemmological Association of Australia.
2. The ethics and conduct of Fellows and State Association members is to be such as to uphold the reputation of the GAA. Their responsibility to the consumers is to be of paramount importance.
3. No state association member is to conduct themself in a manner that creates disharmony or is detrimental to the reputation of the GAA, its State Associations, sub-committees, officers or members of the State Divisions.
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.
5. Fellows and State Association members shall endeavour to explain fully, to members of the public, consumers 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).
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.
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.
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.
9. Failure to abide by the Code will lead to loss of membership of GAA, and for Fellows, loss Fellowship, and in the event of continued non-compliance, will lead to legal action.

Bylaws of the Federal Council, Appendix B September 2025