GAA

Gemmological Association of Australia

Membership Application Form South Australia Division 2027

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Surname:	Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr	Date of Birth / /
First Name:	Middle Name/s:	
Postal Address		Postcode:
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 GAA Code of Ethics and Conduct 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.

I understand that the joining fee is $25 (Once only fee to NEW Members) and the Membership fee for 2027 is

(PLEASE SELECT) ☐ $225 Ordinary

Full Name:	Signature SIGN HERE	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 organisation 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 South Australian office on 08 8227 1377.

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

METHOD OF PAYMENT

An invoice will be raised on the acceptance and processing of your membership application.

This will be emailed to the person responsible for payment.

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

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?

- ☐ From a member?
- ☐ Newspaper? Name _____
- ☐ Magazine? Name _____
- ☐ Advertised in a Jewellery Store? Name _____
- ☐ Website? Address _____
- ☐ Gem show?
- ☐ Have you personally funded the course fees?
- ☐ Have you had the course fees funded by your Employer?
- ☐ 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.

Your valued member benefits:

- Subscription to the Australian Gemmologist Magazine (Bi-Annual)
- 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 purchased from the GAA shop.
- 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 **Member** 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.
- Social events, activities and networking opportunities with colleagues and fellow members.
- Free admission to the South Australian yearly GAA Christmas Party.

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.

SECTION 4 - GAA Code of Ethics and Conduct

(PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

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 of Fellowship, and in the event of continued non-compliance, will lead to legal action.

Bylaws of the Federal Council, Appendix B September 2025