



SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

UNITING DOCTORS FOR THE HEALTH OF THE NATION

South African Medical Association Membership Terms and Conditions

1. SAMA members must have valid registration numbers at the HPCSA.
2. An application form must be completed in accordance with your specific criteria.
3. Once the application has been processed, you will receive a SAMA membership card and will be entitled to SAMA membership benefits, subject to the exceptions listed herein.
4. Membership can be terminated by way of resignation, due to the non-payment of subscriptions or in terms of the SAMA Code of Conduct.
 - 4.1 *Resignation:* Resignation in *written format* is required to terminate membership. Said resignation must be sent to members@samedical.org or faxed to 086 634 9656.
 - 4.2 *Non-payment of subscriptions:* Annual membership fees have to be paid in full on or before 31 March each year. Membership will be terminated in the event that payment is not received by this date. Membership will also be terminated in the event that a monthly debit order or deduction from the Persal system is dishonoured or stopped.
 - 4.3 *SAMA Code of Conduct:* This Code is available on the SAMA website and provides for instances where membership can be terminated due to the misconduct of members.When membership is terminated, all rights and privileges related to SAMA membership are forfeited with immediate effect.
5. *Applicable waiting periods:*
 - 5.1 To qualify for benefits in respect of vehicle purchase, members must be fully paid-up SAMA members for a period of at least a year.
 - 5.2 Members who require legal assistance from the Governance and Legal Department on an advisory basis must be a fully paid-up member for more than 6 months.
 - 5.3 Members who require industrial relations assistance from the Employed Doctors Department must be a fully paid-up member for more than 6 months.

Kindly note that membership cannot be backdated for any purpose.

6. *Life membership:* Membership of SAMA for a period of longer than 40 years entitles a member to become an honorary life member of the Association, who no longer has to pay membership fees and who would be charged a reduced fee for receipt of the South African Medical Journal (SAMJ).
7. *Retired members:* These members are also entitled to receive the SAMJ at a reduced rate.
8. The spouse of a fully paid-up SAMA member, in the event that such a spouse also qualifies to be a member in terms of his/her registration with the HPCSA, can join SAMA as member at a reduced rate, but will not receive an additional SAMJ.
9. Where a spouse of a SAMA member participates in CPD programmes, it must be done using their own personal reference number and not the reference number of the main member only.