

Membership Type Conditions

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Overseas qualified applicants

Applying for Osteopathy Australia membership does not entitle you to practice osteopathy in Australia. The [Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council \(AOAC\)](#) carries out assessments of the skills and qualifications held by overseas trained osteopaths on behalf of the [Osteopathy Board of Australia \(OBA\)](#).

ACADEMIC

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- Currently qualified and registered as an osteopath in Australia
- Current and sufficient Professional Indemnity insurance
- Committed to the principles of Continuing Professional Development
- Must complete annual CPD requirements of Osteopathy Board of Australia (OBA)
- Applicants must be in ongoing academic employment for at least 0.6 FTEii (e.g. at least 3 days per week, at a tertiary institution in Australia)
- \$165 join fee applies to a new or re-joining member application
- Osteopathy Australia membership can be cancelled during a membership cycle, but no refunds are provided
- On application for membership with Osteopathy Australia, you:
 - declare all information submitted to be true and correct
 - accept that membership does not imply a right to practice in Australia

Academic membership is restricted to those working at least 0.6 FTE as an academic at a tertiary institution in Australia

iiFTE – Full Time Equivalent is hours actually worked divided by the number of normal hours worked by a full-time academic staff member and does not apply to casual work or temporary work over a short period of time

FULL

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- Currently qualified and registered as an osteopath in Australia
- Current and sufficient Professional Indemnity insurance
- Committed to the principles of Continuing Professional Development
- Applicants must complete annual CPD requirements of Osteopathy Board of Australia (OBA)
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EARLY CAREER

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- Currently qualified and registered as an osteopath in Australia
- Current and sufficient Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Committed to the principles of Continuing Professional Development
- Completion of annual Continuing Professional Development requirements
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FURTHER CONDITIONS OF EARLY CAREER MEMBER, YEAR 1 MEMBERSHIP

- You are in the **first** full 12-month membership cycle (or part thereof) immediately following completion of a relevant Australian osteopathic degree
- Final-year graduates finishing in June**
- If you join in June, your Early Career Year 1 membership will begin on 1 July, the start of the next membership cycle
- If you are an Osteopathy Australia final-year Student member**
- You may access the special flat-rate offer from **1 June to 31 December** during your final year - if the special offer period has passed, a \$165 join fee plus pro-rata membership fee applies from January to June of the following year
- If you **were not** a Student member in your final year, the same \$165 join fee and pro-rata fee applies when joining online

FURTHER CONDITIONS OF EARLY CAREER MEMBER, YEAR 2 MEMBERSHIP

- You are in the **second** full 12-month membership cycle (or part thereof) following completion of a relevant Australian osteopathic degree (after Early Career Member, Year 1 membership , if applicable)

FURTHER CONDITIONS OF EARLY CAREER MEMBER, YEAR 3 MEMBERSHIP

- You are in the **third** full 12-month membership cycle (or part thereof) following completion of a relevant Australian osteopathic degree (after Early Career Member, Year 2 membership , if applicable)

FURTHER CONDITIONS OF EARLY CAREER MEMBER, YEAR 4 MEMBERSHIP

- You are in the **fourth** full 12-month membership cycle (or part thereof) following completion of a relevant Australian osteopathic degree (after Early Career Member, Year 3 membership , if applicable)

FURTHER CONDITIONS OF EARLY CAREER MEMBER, YEAR 5 MEMBERSHIP

- You are in the **fifth** full 12-month membership cycle (or part thereof) following completion of a relevant Australian osteopathic degree (after Early Career Member, Year 4 membership , if applicable)

INTERNATIONAL

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- You are a qualified osteopath, however, are not domiciled or practising osteopathy in Australia
- For listing on our [Find an Osteo](#) online search tool, you must provide proof of professional insurance and compliance with regulations in country of operation
- HR Service is unavailable on an International membership type
- \$165 join fee applies to a new or re-joining member application
- Osteopathy Australia membership can be cancelled during a membership cycle, but no refunds are provided
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NON-PRACTISING

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- Currently qualified as an osteopath in Australia
- Currently registered on the Ahpra Register of Practitioners in Australia as a non-practising or general registrant
- Not practising osteopathy in any capacity, for **min. 6 months within Australia**
- Must provide evidence your current Professional Indemnity insurance status in Australia is **on hold** (i.e. temporary leave of absence) **or authorise** Osteopathy Australia to contact your insurer directly to confirm your insurance status
- The HR Service is unavailable on a Non-Practising membership type.
- No listing on our [Find an Osteo](#) online search tool
- The maximum period a member may be granted the Non-Practising category, is two (2) years. All decisions are at the discretion of the Osteopathy Australia Board
- \$165 join fee applies to a new or re-joining member application
- Osteopathy Australia membership can be cancelled during a membership cycle, but no refunds are provided
- On application for membership with Osteopathy Australia, you declare all information submitted to be true and correct

PART-TIME

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- Currently qualified and registered as an osteopath in Australia
- Practising osteopathy, **in any capacity**, up to **16 hours per week max**
- While a Part Time member, agree to work NO more than 16 hours in any given week ⁱ (working over 16 hrs per week requires Full membership)
- Current and sufficient Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Applicants must **provide evidence** of their current part-time PII status in Australia **or authorise** Osteopathy Australia to contact your insurer directly to confirm your *part-time* insurance status
- Part-time discounted Guild Insurance policy only available **in conjunction with** the Part Time membership, restricted to 16 hours or less each week ⁱⁱ
- Committed to the principles of Continuing Professional Development
- Applicants must complete annual CPD requirements of Osteopathy Board of Australia (OBA)
- \$165 join fee applies to a new or re-joining member application
- Osteopathy Australia Membership can be cancelled during a membership cycle, but no refunds are provided
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ⁱPart Time Membership is restricted to those working 16 hours or less in any given week; these hours are not cumulative

ⁱⁱContact Guild Group on 1800 810 213 for more information on their part-time PII policy

RETIRED

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- Ordinary members may apply to the Osteopathy Australia Board based upon attaining the age of 65 and/or ceasing practice for permanent retirement
- Only previous Osteopathy Australia members can apply for Retired Membership
- Retired member must not practice in any capacity and must demonstrate their non-practising registration on the AHPRA register
- Applicants must provide evidence of cancelled Professional Indemnity insurance and run-off cover; **or authorise** Osteopathy Australia to contact your insurer directly to confirm your insurance status
- No need to re-apply for Retired Membership status once it's been granted Each subsequent renewal will be sent under this category
- No CPD requirements
- No listing on our [Find an Osteo](#) online search tool.
- \$165 join fee applies to a re-joining member application
- Osteopathy Australia membership can be cancelled during a membership cycle, but no refunds are provided
- On application for membership with Osteopathy Australia, you declare all information submitted to be true and correct

STUDENT

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- You are currently studying osteopathy in an **Australian** osteopathic university
- Evidence or confirmation you are currently enrolled in in an Australian osteopathic university is required
- You are not currently qualified as an osteopath in Australia
- You are not practising osteopathy in any capacity
- You cannot have a listing on [Find an Osteo](#)
- There are no CPD Requirements
- The HR Service is available to a Student member in their final year of study

*Please contact Osteopathy Australia on 1800 467 836 or info@osteopathy.org.au for further information on the limits and/or exclusions that apply to some membership categories.