



## HOW TO BECOME A SASS MEMBER

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & PROCESSES

Thank you for your interest to join The South African Spine Society

#### SASS Membership Requirements

Every applicant who applies for membership agrees to comply with the Terms, Conditions & Processes of Membership of The South African Spine Society

#### 1. Membership Fees

Yearly membership fees as determined by the Executive Committee are payable before the annual congress in May/June  
[http://www.saspine.org/03\\_fees.html](http://www.saspine.org/03_fees.html)

Membership fees should be fully paid-up before registering for the Annual Congress

Members whose membership fees are in arrears will not qualify for the members discount when registering for the annual Congress

When any Member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of one (1) year from the period for which such dues become payable, his membership may thereupon be terminated by the EXCO

You are liable for all membership fees due until we receive your resignation or termination in writing to [membership@saspine.org](mailto:membership@saspine.org)

New members who are conditionally approved by Exco may qualify for the members discount when registering for the annual congress

#### 2. Congress Attendance, Questionnaires & Research Activities

It is a condition of continued membership that Members have to attend at least one (1) annual scientific meeting/congress of the Society every two (2) years and such a member must respond to questionnaires or research queries originating from the office of the South African Spine Society (SASS)

#### 3. Resignation of SASS Membership

Any member may resign in writing directed to the Secretary. Please notify us of your resignation in writing

You are liable for all membership fees due until we receive your resignation or termination in writing to [membership@saspine.org](mailto:membership@saspine.org)

#### 4. Termination of Membership

Membership shall terminate upon resignation, death, dissolution, non-payment of dues for a period of one (1) year, or for non-attendance at the annual scientific meeting for two (2) consecutive years and/or consistent non-participation in SASS sponsored research activities

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

### Membership Categories

Before you submit an application, please review the membership categories to determine the membership level that you need to apply for [http://www.saspine.org/03\\_categories.html](http://www.saspine.org/03_categories.html)

### Proposer & Seconder

All Applicants need to be proposed and seconded by two (2) SASS members who are familiar with the professional standing of the prospective member.

Please contact the members beforehand and request that they support your application. The Proposer and Seconder must print their names, and sign your application form

### Curriculum Vitae & Photograph

A detailed curriculum vitae as per Application Form of the prospective member must accompany the application or request for an application.

A recent photograph of yourself must accompany the application

### Application Process

1. Once we receive your completed application form, it will be processed and sent to the SASS Membership Secretary to be reviewed at an bi-annual EXCO meeting
2. Once approved by EXCO, it will be submitted to the SASS Members at the AGM to be held at the Annual Spine Congress for a final review and/or approval
3. You will be notified if your application was approved

### Interactive Fillable Application Form

1. Download the appropriate membership form (PDF format)  
[http://www.saspine.org/03\\_members/03\\_application.pdf](http://www.saspine.org/03_members/03_application.pdf)
2. You can apply for SASS membership by completing the Interactive Application Form
3. Please complete all details. Incomplete applications cannot be processed
4. The interactive form contains fields that you can select and fill in by typing text into the form field
5. Download & save the form onto your computer
6. A purple message bar at the top indicates presence of fillable fields. When clicked, it shows where fillable fields are
7. Click inside a text field to type your details
8. Save the form & attach to an email to [membership@saspine.org](mailto:membership@saspine.org)
9. Your application and a recent passport photo (jpeg format) must be submitted via email to [membership@saspine.org](mailto:membership@saspine.org)

### Online Membership Application

You can apply for SASS membership by completing the online application form [Online Membership Application](#)

Membership applications shall be reviewed and approved by the Membership Secretary and EXCO, posted on the 'members only' section of the website for review by the membership for 4 weeks and if no written objections are received, the applicants will be informed by email and their names will be announced by the Membership Secretary / Treasurer at the next AGM. The application would be presented at the AGM for discussion if objections are received.