

SACNA MEMBERSHIP

Membership runs annually from January to December of each year and is due for renewal on 1 January of each year.

There are six categories of SACNA membership: Full member (five sub-categories according to HPCSA registration category), Associate Member, Foreign Associate Member, Student/Graduate Member, Allied Member and Life/Honorary Member. The criteria for these categories of membership follow:

Full member

- (a) Full members may include registered Neuropsychologists, Clinical, Educational, Counselling or Research Psychologists, and have voting rights.
- (b) Full membership provides recognition of a high level of post-professional registration commitment to the field of neuropsychology for those working within their own scope of practice as prescribed by the HPCSA or, in the case of foreign full members, their applicable professional registering bodies.
- (c) Eligibility for full membership will be based on an individualised review process (detailed below). The process will differ between individuals, with each applicant being evaluated for their unique role in relation to neuropsychology, due to different qualifications and areas of specialisation within the various professional routes. The review will be conducted by a panel appointed by the SACNA executive, including members of the executive and possibly one or more external reviewers.
- (d) Applications for consideration should be submitted to SACNA. A non-refundable **administration fee** may be requested for a comprehensive review, should this be required by the review committee.

Note: SACNA Full Membership is not equivalent to, nor does it provide the qualification required for HPCSA registration as a Neuropsychologist, which entails a higher level of formal knowledge and practical training in Neuropsychology than is required to attain Full Membership of SACNA.

Subscription Fee: R1100.00per annum

Neuropsychologist Full member

- (a) HPCSA registration as a neuropsychologist with at least a master's degree in clinical neuropsychology, including an internship.
- (b) At least two years of post-registration experience in the field of clinical neuropsychology. Experience may include clinical work, published research, teaching/lecturing and/or providing supervision in neuropsychology.
- (c) Submission of two brief (1-3 pages) neuropsychological case reports.

Clinical Full Member, Counselling Full Member and Educational Full Member:

- (a) HPCSA registration as a clinical, counselling or educational psychologist with at least a master's degree in clinical, counselling or educational psychology, respectively.
- (b) Some training in clinical neuropsychology at master's level, such as is normally required for HPCSA accreditation of the degree, or a postgraduate masters or doctoral dissertation on a clinically oriented neuropsychology topic, or a substantial proportion of an internship spent in a neurology, neurosurgery or neuropsychology institution or practice.
- (c) Passing of the SACNA exam. The exam is undergoing renewal.
- (c) At least five years of post-registration experience in neuropsychology, with evidence of a substantial portion of the work experience being in non-medico-legal work, including rehabilitation and work in neurology clinics or other institutions or practices where neuropsychology is relevant. Experience may include clinical work, published research, teaching/lecturing and receiving or providing supervision in neuropsychology.
- (d) Evidence of additional training/learning covering a spectrum of neuropsychological disorders, related assessment, and treatment procedures beyond degrees (e.g. workshops done, CPD courses, conferences attended, supervision from a neuropsychologist).

Please note: SACNA is not an accredited training institution and does not offer a comprehensive course, degree or internship in Neuropsychology, but aims to support and assist registered psychologists to obtain fundamental and more advanced knowledge in the field to ensure a high standard of neuropsychology practice within all the registration categories.

(e) Evidence of HPCSA CPD points in topics relevant to neuropsychological practice acquired over the past three to five years.

(f) Submission of **three brief (1-3 pages) neuropsychological case reports (more information will be provided under the Exam section).**

(g) At their discretion, the review committee may request references, an interview, or the submission of one or more detailed neuropsychological reports.

(h) A non-refundable administration fee determined by the committee per comprehensive report will be levied should this be required by the review committee.

Research Full Member:

(a) A Research Masters degree in Psychology that is recognised by the HPCSA Professional Board of Psychology, or a Doctoral degree in Psychology awarded based on research.

(b) Clear evidence of the development of professional credibility as an independent researcher in a focused area of relevance to neuropsychology, which would include HPCSA registration as a research psychologist (unless the researcher is registered in one of the practitioner categories), as well as one or more of the following: university level research affiliation; the ability to secure research funding; a trajectory of dissemination of research in scientific conference and workshop forums.

(c) At least five years post-registration involvement in research relating to a neuropsychology topic.

(d) A publication record of at least five peer-reviewed articles, on at least three of which the applicant is the first author responsible for the scientific conceptualisation and writing up of the research. The publications should be in reputable journals and/ or books deemed to be of academic good standing following SACNA panel review.

Evidence of publications that have attained Department of Higher Education (DHET) accreditation in a university context, or those approved by the National Research Foundation (NRF) for rating purposes, can contribute to such a review.

Note: Research Full Members may not conduct clinical practices in neuropsychology unless they have additional registration as a Neuropsychologist, Clinical, Counselling or Educational Psychologist.

Associate member

Registered neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, counselling psychologists, educational psychologists and research psychologists who do not meet the requirements for full membership or have not yet applied for full membership.

Subscription Fee: R820.00per annum

Foreign Associate Members

Foreign-trained registered neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, counselling psychologists, educational psychologists and research psychologists who do not meet the requirements for full membership or have not yet applied for full membership. This category also includes those who are awaiting registration with the HPCSA. Foreign psychologists who are not HPCSA-registered are not permitted to practice in South Africa.

Subscription Fee: R820.00per annum

Allied Member

Practitioners and researchers from allied disciplines, e.g., psychiatrists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuroscientists, etc.

Subscription Fee: R420.00 per annum

Student/Graduate Member -

Trainees, undergraduate students, research assistants, postgraduate students at honours or master's level, honours graduates and master's graduates who are not registered psychologists or allied professionals, who have an interest in neuropsychology. Student membership applies until registration as a psychologist or allied professional. Thereafter, associate membership or allied membership applies, respectively.

Subscription Fee: R380.00 per annum

Life/ Honorary Member

Life/ Honorary membership is awarded by the executive committee in recognition of the contribution made to neuropsychology and to the organisation.

Life/ Honorary members are exempt from payment of subscription fees irrespective of statutory registration.

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Benefits of Membership

- a) Being informed of relevant issues relating to neuropsychology in South Africa and internationally.
- b) Being provided with information about upcoming conferences, workshops, lectures, and training opportunities for CPD purposes.
- c) Being permitted to attend webinars and meetings (currently being run online) at no additional cost.
- d) Being eligible for discounted prices for all online and in-person SACNA educational initiatives.
- e) Access to the Brainwaves newsletter blog.
- f) Collective bargaining power with statutory bodies such as the Professional Board of Psychology and the HPCSA.
- g) Access to online educational material and guidelines.
- h) Negotiated benefits, such as access to selected e-books and discounted book prices.
- i) The option of being part of our WhatsApp, special interest and case discussion groups.
- j) Having access to the [National Academy of Neuropsychology](https://www.nanonline.org/) membership, which includes complimentary access to the *Archives of Neuropsychology* journal and discounted registration fees for NAN's educational initiatives, including their conference.

h) The opportunity to contribute to SACNA via participation in case discussions, involvement in the executive committee and sub-committee activities, writing articles or offering presentations and other educational events.

Rights and privileges of membership with SACNA:

Members shall have the following rights and privileges, namely:

- (a) Eligibility for membership of the Executive Committee: Only the following members shall be eligible for membership on the Executive Committee, i.e. shall be entitled to be elected as office-bearers of the Executive Committee, namely: Full Members and Life Members shall be entitled to be office bearers (executives). It is, however, specifically recorded herein that Associate Members may be co-opted members of the Executive Committee: (i) members who are in good standing with SACNA with respect to payment of annual subscription fees and any other amounts due, owing and payable to SACNA; (ii) members who have been members of SACNA for at least 1 (one) year.
- (b) Full Members, Associate Members and Student Members may be appointed by the Executive Committee as Contributors to Executive Committees, Special Interest Groups and Student Groups. The provisions of section 7(3)(a) shall apply mutatis mutandis;
- (c) Full Members and Life Members shall be notified and have the right to attend General Meetings;
- (d) Each Full Member and Life Member has 1 (one) vote at a general Meeting or has the right to vote in writing. In the event of a vote in writing, such a vote shall be valid if it is made by e-mail.
- (e) To access resources such as articles published on SACNA's website by logging in with a unique username and password; and
- (f) SACNA shall be entitled to assign specific rights and privileges to members in respect of each category of membership.

The aforesaid rights and privileges are subject to the condition that SACNA has not suspended or cancelled a person's membership with SACNA.

Duties and obligations of members

Members shall have the following duties and obligations, namely:

- (a) All members shall abide by the regulations and by-laws of SACNA and endeavour as best they can to further the objectives of SACNA.
- (b) Members shall ensure that they remain up to date with the payment of their annual membership fees to SACNA. SACNA shall be entitled to determine and/or amend the annual subscription fees in terms of a SACNA by-law.
- (c) Full members shall maintain professional competence in the field of clinical neuropsychology to the satisfaction of SACNA, which maintenance of professional competence shall reflect current scholarship and recent advances. It is therefore incumbent on full members to participate in continuing education as determined from time to time by the executive committee. Failure to do so may result in termination of full membership.