

- For planning and promotion of the Society's service
- For research related to hearing impairment



## The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf Membership Registration and Regulations 2010-2011

### 9. Access to or Change of Personal Data

In accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, members have the right

- To check whether the Society hold data about them and of access to such data
- To correct any data relating to them which is inaccurate
- To request for the Society's policy and practices on personal data use

For request of access to or correction of information regarding personal data use policies and practices, members could complete the form "Correction of Personal Data" and return by fax 2529-3316 or send to Research & Promotion Officer, 903, DWSSB 15 Hennessey Road Wanchai, Hong Kong.

For enquiry, membership application form,  
& Correction of Personal Data Form



*Please come to our centre or contact us:*

#### Head office

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15 Hennessey Road Wanchai, HK  
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#### Hong Kong Host Lions Centre for the Deaf

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#### Tseung Kwan O Multi-Services Centre

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Tel: 2711 1974 Fax: 2761 4390

#### New Territories Multi-Services Centre

Room 105-108, G/F., Ting Lung House, On Ting Estate, Tuen Mun, N.T.  
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#### Kowloon Centre

Room 513-516, Kar Man House, Oi Man Estate, Homantin, Kowloon  
Tel: 2711 3873 Fax: 2711 3946

### *Our Missions*

1. To undertake projects of publicity, education, recreation, counselling, clinical, audiological and medical services for the hearing impaired; and to assist or cooperate with any institutions, organizations or individuals to improve the services for the hearing impaired.
2. To work towards improving the educational standards for the hearing impaired, to provide scholarship and special equipment for the hearing impaired as well as to provide guidance for parents of hearing impaired children.
3. To inform the public about the problems and needs of the hearing impaired, to give necessary information to hearing impaired persons and their families about institutions and services available to them, and to exchange information among institutions serving the hearing impaired and to promote the concept of and to take steps to work towards the integration of the hearing impaired with the public.

### *Membership Registration and Regulation*

#### 1. Types of Membership

| Type of membership | Hearing Status                | Member Code | Qualification  | Membership Fee                      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Ordinary           | Hearing Impaired <sup>1</sup> | OD          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Open to all</li> <li>■ Applicants under the age of 18 should obtain approval of parent/guardian</li> </ul>  | \$30 (\$24) <sup>2,3</sup> per year |
|                    | Hearing                       | OH          |  |                                     |
| Full               | Hearing Impaired <sup>1</sup> | FD          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Must be aged 18 or above</li> <li>■ Must obtain continuous membership for not less than 2 years prior to application</li> <li>■ Must obtain recommendation of 2 full/life voting members</li> </ul> | \$40 (\$32) <sup>2,3</sup> per year |
|                    | Hearing                       | FH          |  |                                     |
| Life               | Hearing Impaired <sup>1</sup> | L           |  | \$2,000 one lump-sum payment        |
|                    | Hearing                       |             |  |                                     |
| Honorary           | --                            | --          | Given by the Council to any one who has given distinguished services to the Society or to the HK community & not open to application.  |                                     |

<sup>1</sup> Hearing loss of either ear of the applicant should reach 26 dB or above. Details please refer to "2.2 Application for hearing impaired members".

<sup>2</sup> Membership is valid for one year from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

<sup>3</sup> You can enjoy 20% discount of membership fee if not receiving newsletter by mail. Please see 7.1 for details.

#### 2. Application Procedure

##### 2.1 General Procedure

- a. Complete the application form.
- b. Identity document: for new application, applicant should bring along identity documents

(e.g. HKID card, birth certificate, passport) and certified true copies will also be accepted. Photocopy of those documents will be destroyed after verification. Payment of membership fee : Membership card will only be issued and membership will become effective after payment of membership fee is received.

- c. All application for membership shall be the discretion of the Council of the Society.
- d. Registration in person: Registration of membership is done in the Society's Head Office and two service centres during service hours. Application for Full/ Life membership would only be done at the Head Office.
- e. Application by mail : Applicants should return the completed form, with copy of identity document or other supported documents for hearing impairment, a crossed cheque payable to "the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf" and a self-addressed envelop with \$1.4 stamps to Rm. 903 DWSSS, 15 Hennessey Road, Wan Chai, envelope marked "The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf—Membership Application".

#### 2.2 Application for Full/Life Member

- a. All application for of full/life membership will need the approval of Council. Applicant will be notified after all verification procedures are completed.

#### 2.3 Application for Hearing Impaired Members

- a. The hearing loss of either ear of the applicant should reach 26 dB or above for applying hearing impaired membership. Applicant should submit supported documents for hearing impairment.

The following documents are accepted as valid proof for hearing impairment (only one type of information is needed) :

- Written documents issued by medical doctor/hearing centre
- Document indicating that applicant is a recipient of disability allowance (for hearing disability)
- Audiogram
- Student card, handbook, report and other related information showing that applicant is a student of deaf school.
- Registration card for disability issued by Labour and Welfare Bureau (the category of disability must include hearing impairment)

If applicant fails to provide any of the information above, he or she could receive a hearing test in the Society's Audiology Centre. Applicant will be granted hearing impaired membership if the test result meets the requirement of 26 dB or above (applicant should pay for the hearing test).

- b. Applicant will be accepted as "hearing members" if he or she cannot fulfill the requirement.

2.4 Applicant under the age of 18 should obtain the approval of parents/guardian by signing the application form.

#### 2.5 Families with hearing impaired members under 18

Hearing impaired members under 18 and their family members could join our Parents Resource Centre without additional fees. Parent/guardian could complete the information and sign in the application form.

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### 3. Valid Date of Membership

All membership is valid for one year (fixed term). The new membership year starts from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

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#### 4. Membership Renewal

- a. Current members may come in person or by mail to renew their membership (for mailing application, please refer to the Society's newsletter).
- b. If Full Members fail to renew their membership in three months after the expiry date, their Full Membership will be ceased and they can reapply as "ordinary members"; or otherwise at the discretion of the Council.

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#### 5. Lost / damage of Card

Members may come to the Society's Head Office or services centre for a new card and \$20 administration fee is required for re-issuing a new card.

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#### 6. Withdrawal of Membership

Members or their family should contact the Head Office of the Society for withdrawal of membership. There will be no refund for membership fee.

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#### 7. Members' rights and duties

##### 7.1 Rights

All Life and Full members have the right to vote in the Society's AGM and are eligible to be elected as the committee members of the Council.

All members possess the right to :

- attend the AGM
- receive the Society's newsletter #
- enjoy special discount audiological services \*
- join the activities, services and courses organized by the Society\*
- purchase batteries, assistive device and discounted goods\*

# E- newsletter via email is available now. We encourage overseas members to view our latest news at <http://www.deaf.org.hk>. Extra mailing fee will be required for receiving newsletter in area out of Hong Kong. Please refer to application form for details.

\* please refer to regulations and rules set by different service units.

##### 7.2 Duties

All members should observe the regulations and duties below :

- renew their membership
- carry membership card when enjoying any service of the Society
- promote the missions and follow the regulations of the Society
- should not engage in any activities against the objectives and interests of the Society and the Society remains its right to claim damages.

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#### 8. Personal Data Use

The personal data for membership application will only be used in the following ways:

- To facilitate membership application
- To promote the services and activities to members (e.g. mailing of newsletter)