



## Membership Registration and Regulations 2021-2022

### Our Missions

1. To undertake projects of publicity, education, recreation, counseling, 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	Hearing Status	Qualification	Membership Fee <sup>A</sup>
Ordinary	Hearing Impaired <sup>B</sup>	<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 (1 year) (Valid until 31/3/2022)
	Hearing		\$ 120 (5 years) (Valid until 31/3/2026)
Full	Hearing Impaired <sup>B</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Must be aged 18 or above</li> <li>■ Must have obtained continuous membership for 24 consecutive months or more prior to application</li> <li>■ Must obtain recommendation of 2 Full / Life members</li> </ul>	\$ 40 <sup>C</sup> (Valid until 31/3/2022)
Life	Hearing		\$ 500 one lump-sum payment
Honorary	--	Given by the Council to any one who has given distinguished services to the Society or to the Hong Kong community & not open to application.	

- A. Overseas members are required to pay for extra-mailing cost if receiving newsletter by post. Please refer to the application form.
- B. Hearing loss of either ear of the applicant should reach 26 dB or above. Details please refer to “2.3 Application for Hearing Impaired Members”.
- C. 5-year subscription scheme is not applicable to Full Member.

#### 2. Application Procedure

## 2.1 General Procedure

- a. Applicants should return the completed “Membership Registration Form” together with the following documents:
  - Copies of identity documents (e.g. HKID card, Birth Certificate, Passport): For confirming the applicant’s identity, age and residential address. Those documents will be destroyed after verification.
  - Copies of valid proof for hearing impairment (if applicable).
- b. Registration Method:
  - Registration in person: Please bring all the above documents together with the membership fee to the head office of the Society or the service centres within the opening hours to complete the application procedures. If the information provided is complete, ordinary membership card could be issued immediately with the receipt.
  - Application by mail : Applicants should return the completed form, with all the above documents, a crossed cheque payable to “The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf” together with a self-addressed envelope with \$2 postage stamp affixed to the Society. (Address: Rm 903, DWSSB, 15 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai. Please specify “The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf - Membership Application” on the envelope.)
- c. Membership will become effective and the card will be issued after the membership fee is received.
- d. The Council of the Society has the final discretion regarding the membership issue.

## 2.2 Application for Full / Life Member

Since all applications of Full / Life membership are to be approved by the Council, the membership card will not be issued immediately. Applicant will be notified after all verification procedures are completed.

## 2.3 Application for Hearing Impaired Members

- a. The membership is applicable for applicant whose hearing loss of either ear reached 26dB or above. Applicant should submit supporting documents together with the application form.
- b. The following documents are accepted as valid proof for hearing impairment:
  - 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)
- c. If applicant fails to provide any of the information above, applicant will be accepted as “hearing member”. The applicant could also pay for the 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.

## 2.4 Applicant under the age of 18

- a. Applicant under the age of 18 should obtain the approval of parent / guardian by signing the application form.

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

### 3. 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.

### 4. Loss / Damage of Card

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

### 5. Withdrawal of Membership

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

### 6. Members' Rights and Duties

#### 6.1 Rights

- a. 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.
- b. All members possess the right to:
  - Attend the AGM
  - Receive the Society's newsletter\*
  - Join the activities, services and courses organized by the Society\*\*
  - Enjoy special discount for audiological services\*\*
  - Purchase batteries, assistive device and discounted items\*\*

\* Besides receiving the newsletter by mail, it is also available on our website ([www.deaf.org.hk](http://www.deaf.org.hk)), or via email. Extra mailing fees are required for overseas members receiving newsletter by mail. For details, please kindly refer to the application form.

\*\* For details, please refer to the regulations and rules set by different service units.

#### 6.2 Duties

All members should observe the regulations and duties below:

- Promote the missions and follow the regulations of the Society
- Renew their membership when membership expired
- Carry membership card when enjoying any service of the Society
- Should not engage in any activities against the objectives and interests of the Society. The Society reserves its right to claim damages.

### 7. Personal Data Use

7.1 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);
- For planning and promotion of the Society's service;

- For research related to hearing impairment.

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

- To check whether the Society holds data about them and of access to such data;
- To correct any inaccurate data relating to them;
- To request for the Society's policies and practices on personal data use.

7.3 For change of any personal data, please complete the form "Change of Personal Data" and return to the Head Office or service centres of the Society. For further enquiries, please contact our colleague by tel: 2527 8969, fax: 2529 3316, or e-mail: [info@deaf.org.hk](mailto:info@deaf.org.hk).

#### **Personal Information Collection Statement**

In compliance with 《the Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Ordinance》 ("Amendment Ordinance"), The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf wants you to understand the organization's arrangements for the use of personal data. In order to maintain regular contact with members and keep you informed of the latest news of the Society, including the activities, news, fundraising, invitations to workshops and seminars, collection of opinions and information about the Society, this will be based on the above amendment ordinance to collect, protect and use your personal data. We may use your personal data (including your name, phone number, fax, email and mailing address) to keep in touch with you and distribute information. You have a right to stop using your personal data and contact you at any time. Except for the above-mentioned purposes, we will not sell, rent or transfer your personal data to any person or organization in any form.

You may at any time request to stop receiving our information or contact, please email your request to [info@deaf.org.hk](mailto:info@deaf.org.hk) or fax to 2529 3316, and make an "unsubscribe request".

#### **Service centres for membership application:**

##### **Head office**

Address: 903, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, HK

Tel: 2527 8969 Fax: 2529 3316

##### **Jockey Club Hong Kong Centre**

Address: Podium Floor, Hong Shing Court, Healthy Village, 668 King's Road, North Point, HK

Tel: 2854 2676 Fax: 2815 4723 WhatsApp: 5511 2748

##### **Audiology Centre (Hung Hom)**

Address: Unit F, 2/F, Sunshine Plaza, 17 Sung On Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Tel: 2711 3873 Fax: 2711 0098

##### **Homantin Centre**

Address: 513-516, Kar Man House, Oi Man Estate, Homantin, Kowloon

Tel: 2711 3134 Fax: 2711 3946 WhatsApp: 6097 0179

##### **Tseung Kwan O Multi-services Centre**

Address: 6/F., Sheung Mei House, Sheung Tak Estate, Tseung Kwan O, N.T.

Tel: 2711 1974 Fax: 2761 4390 WhatsApp: 5398 5968

##### **New Territories Multi-services Centre (Leung King)**

Address: 18-23, G/F., Leung Yin House, Leung King Estate, Tuen Mun, N.T.

Tel: 2711 5688 Fax: 2711 5877 WhatsApp: 5361 1293

##### **New Territories Multi-services Centre (On Ting)**

Address: 105-108, G/F., Ting Lung House, On Ting Estate, Tuen Mun, N.T.

Tel: 2711 5728 Fax: 2861 1985