



MEMBERSHIP POLICY Student Membership

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1. Purpose and scope

- a) To make provision for current students working towards a qualification to become members of Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia (DRTA) to enhance professional development and connection in the field whilst not directly working in it.
- b) To make provision for students to connect with DRTA and its members through DRTA events, eNewsletter and website.

2. Definitions

- a) For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:
 - Student membership is deemed appropriate for those enrolled in Australian courses based in health, leisure and recreation only.
 - Evidence needs to be submitted of student's enrolment

3. Policy Statement

3.1 To ensure that DRTA encourage and promote the growth and progression of the profession, DRTA and its future members.

3.2 A student enrolled in a course accredited by DRTA for Degree, Diploma or Certificate IV Qualified can become a student member.

3.3 If an existing member commences one of these courses of study – they will be expected to remain a Full Member and not become a student, unless specific exception is granted by the DRTA Board.

3.4 Student membership does not constitute Full Membership of DRTA and therefore:

- (a) Does not hold voting rights
- (b) Does not require any Professional Development points to be collected
- (c) Are not eligible to hold board positions

3.5 The membership category Student Membership must be training in the following:

- (a) Degree in Health Science (Recreational Therapy) or deemed appropriate in DRTAMEM01
- (b) Diploma in Leisure and Health or deemed appropriate in DRTAMEM02
- (c) Certificate IV in Leisure and Health or deemed appropriate in DRTAMEM03

3.6 Student Membership shall not continue for a period more than:

- (a) Six (6) years for a degree qualification
- (b) Four (4) years for a diploma qualification
- (c) Two (2) years for a certificate IV qualification

3.7 Student membership includes:

- (a) Membership of DRTA
- (b) Access to the DRTA Website members only areas
- (c) Access to monthly eNewsletters
- (d) Attending network groups, either face to face or online
- (e) Receive additional discount rates for workshops and conferences

4.Procedures

- (a) Member to supply results each year of enrollment in qualification
- (b) To renew membership annually by 1st July
- (c) To forward qualification to the office once received
- (d) When a member is accepted for Student Membership, this policy is sent to the member for clarity of expectations about membership.

5.Guidelines and references – related legislation, policies and procedures

The DRTA ensures that membership criteria, voluntary codes and advice to members comply with the *Competition and Consumer Act*.

The DRTA ensure membership rules are transparent and applied equally to all potential members, including substantiating reasons for qualification requirements.

DRTA ensures that this policy is in line with the *Constitution of Diversional Therapy Australia*.

6.Policy status and details

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7. Summary of Changes from Previous Version

- DRTAMEM03 Policy Affiliate Member - Student V2 was retired as a policy
- New Membership levels were voted in by members in December 2020
- This policy is essentially a new policy developed from DRTAMEM03 Policy Affiliate Member -Student V2