RSA Members’ responsibilities

- The membership period is based on your joining anniversary, you will receive an offer to renew every year
- You must renew your membership within 4 weeks of it being due to retain membership rights including access to the members area of the website
- Members must notify any changes to their contact details immediately. They can either update them through the online membership portal or contact the RSA Office to assist.
- Membership fees are determined by the Board each year and are listed on the website.

Entitlements and voting rights

The RSA membership consists of:
- Individual members
- International members
- Corporate members
- Honorary members
- Life members

Entitlements and voting rights are determined by the type of membership you have chosen:

Individual Membership

An individual member is entitled to:
- 3 RSA Journal editions per year plus 1 Conference abstract publication
- 3 RSA Communiqué editions per year – electronic publication sent by email or available on RSA website
- One vote at Branch meetings and AGM
- Discounted attendance at branch education meetings
- Access to sponsorship for education and conferences

International Membership (not Australian or New Zealand residents)

An international member is entitled to:
- 3 RSA Journal editions per year plus 1 Conference abstract publication
- 3 RSA Communiqué editions per year – electronic publication sent by email or available on RSA website
- One vote at AGM
- Discounted attendance at branch education meetings
- Access to sponsorship for education and conferences

Corporate Membership

A corporate member is entitled to:
- 3 RSA Journal editions per year plus 1 Conference abstract publication
- 3 RSA Communiqué editions per year – electronic publication sent by email or available on RSA website
- One vote at Branch meetings and AGM
- Two names may be added as corporate members
- Discounted attendance at branch education meetings

Honorary Membership

A person may be awarded honorary membership by the RSA in recognition of services rendered to the RSA or renal community. Honorary membership applies to those people who are not RSA members. This may include but not limited to, non health care professionals. Honorary membership does not carry any right to vote. Honorary Members shall only be entitled to receive notice of and to attend general meetings.

An honorary membership may only be awarded by the RSA Federal Board. Nominations can be made by any RSA member and submitted via the branch committee to the board. Honorary member nominations will be considered as they arise or during special RSA celebrations.

Life Membership

A person may be awarded Life membership by the RSA in recognition of services rendered to the RSA. Life membership carries the same entitlements as an individual member.

A Life membership may only be awarded by the RSA Federal Board. Nominations can be made by any RSA member and submitted via the branch committee to the board. Life member nominations will be considered as they arise or during special RSA celebrations.

Re-joining members

If your membership lapses, you may re-join. Your membership year count commences from zero at the date you re-join, though you may be able to retain your past Membership Number. Upon re-joining you will be eligible for the benefits accorded to your membership category.

RSA Confidentiality Responsibilities

The RSA federal board and branches have a responsibility to ensure your personal details are kept secure and will avoid unnecessary access and disclosure of confidential information given to us by you by ensuring:

- Sensitive documents are stored out of sight in locked storage. This includes information stored on paper, CD’s, DVD’s, USB’s and computers
- Discussions regarding personal information about members do not occur
- Names and other personal details of members are only disclosed with permission at conferences, workshops or seminars
- Information regarding any member is not accessed other than in the direct course of RSA business
- Any information held by the RSA Federal board and branch, including member lists, is treated in the strictest confidence
- Member lists are not distributed.

Members have a responsibility to ensure:

- RSA documents, intellectual property and information are private and confidential and will not be shared with any third party without written permission
- Breaches of the above are reported to the RSA Office so that prompt action may be taken - details can be found on the Contact Us page.