



Retirement Policy for Members

Policy Overview

This policy introduces two new membership categories:

- **Accredited (Retired)**, and
- **General (Retired)**

Background to the Policy

Historically there has been no formal way to provide accredited members with the opportunity to be publicly recognised as Accredited (Retired) members.

Accredited members are required to meet minimum teaching/practice hours, supervision/mentorship hours, and engage in continuing professional development each year. Upon retirement from active teaching/practice, accredited members are no longer able to meet these requirements.

Policy Objective

To acknowledge the ongoing contribution of longstanding members to our profession and organisation upon retirement from active teaching/practice, while ensuring professionals and the public can distinguish active practicing therapists and educators.

Eligibility

General and accredited members who have been longstanding members of SAS (at least 7 years) are eligible to apply for Retired membership status upon retirement from paid clinical/teaching work.

For the purposes of this policy 'retirement' is defined as working fewer than 10 hours per week in paid work.

General (Retired) members:

General (Retired) members will receive the full benefits of membership.

Accredited (Retired) members:

Accredited (Retired) members will receive the full benefits of membership. Retired (Accredited) members may use the following titles as applicable:

- Accredited Provisional Psychosexual Therapist (Retired)
- Accredited Clinical Psychosexual Therapist (Retired)
- Accredited Provisional Sexuality Educator (Retired)
- Accredited Clinical Sexuality Educator (Retired)

To ensure the public can distinguish active practicing therapists and educators, Retired (Accredited) members' profiles will not be included among currently practicing members on the 'Find an Accredited Sexologist' page of the SAS website (or equivalent listings).

Accredited (Retired) members may be listed publicly by SAS as Accredited (Retired).

Fees

At the time of this policy, annual membership fees for retired members are set at \$75. (From time-to-time fees may be reviewed and amended in line with other membership categories).

Where a member retires part-way through a membership year, fees paid for the current membership financial year will be retained by the organisation.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

CPD requirements for retired members will be in line with those set for General members.

Procedures

General (Retired) candidates:

General members should advise the Memberships Officer in writing of their intention to retire as a General (Retired) member.

Accredited (Retired) candidates:

Accredited members should advise the Accreditation Officer in writing of their intention to retire with the Accredited (Retired) title.

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