

THE SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF SPEECH AND DRAMA MEMBERSHIP

S.T.S.D. is a professional organisation for qualified specialist teachers of Speech and Drama subjects. As a Registered Company it has certain legal obligations to abide by the Articles as laid down by its Founders.

Membership is approved by the Council of Management and there are specified qualification requirements.

FULL MEMBERSHIP Qualification for admission is as follows:

a) One of the following internal qualifications on the completion of three or four years' full-time training. Speech and Drama Diplomas at a Drama Academy approved by the Society. B.Ed in Drama. PGCE with Drama module. BA(QTS). BA & BA(Hons) with major or minor in Drama. Central School PG Dip (PGDVS).

b) Current external Diplomas which should be in teaching.

LTCL.LSDE LLCM(TD). LNEA. ANEA(Speech Training/Public Speaking). LRIAM(T.Dip).

LVCM(S&D Education) + Grade 5 or 6 Theory.

FVCM(TD) + Grade 6 Theory

c) Former Diplomas: LGSM (In S&D and Speaking Skills) LRAM. LLAM. ALAM(prior to change to LLAM). ADB. AGSM. RSA(Advanced). RBTC. LUD. Dip. RB. CSSD.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP Open to experienced teachers without formal teaching qualifications who are recommended by a Member of Council who has seen evidence of their work.

FULL/ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – NON PRACTISING

Open to Full/Associate members who are not currently teaching, examining or adjudicating

OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP. This may be at either Full, Associate or Student level. Applicants should make enquiries to the Registrar of the Society regarding appropriate qualifications. (The LIEMS DSDE, LASIAN, LCALSDA and LIIMSD Teaching Diplomas (Sri Lanka) and the LAGS TD of the Australian Guild of Music and Speech are all accepted)

STUDENT Applicants studying for one of the Full membership qualifications OR those holding Grade VIII certificate or its equivalent (eg: LAMDA Gold Medal in Verse and Prose). Students studying for an external Diploma should be sponsored by their tutor.

CORPORATE available to Educational Establishments, Drama Schools or Colleges, Examination Boards and Business Companies. Corporate members may elect one member to vote on their behalf.

FRIEND Those interested in the Society and supportive of its aims and objects may apply to become a Friend.

They should NOT be teaching the subject and may NOT use their membership for advertising purposes.

Only those with FULL or CORPORATE Membership have the eligibility to VOTE on any matter relating to The Society.

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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

As a Professional organisation with membership qualifications and being a Registered Company legal obligations formulated in the Articles have to be observed.

The conditions for acceptance of Students are as follows:-

1. Applicants must be either
 - a) Full-time students working towards a B.Ed., B.A., or B.A.(Hons) with Drama as one of the modules.
 - b) Working towards one of the teaching qualifications accepted as a criteria for election to membership of the Society.
2. Applications should be forwarded with a written recommendation from the student's teacher or tutor. (Ideally we would hope that the teacher was a Full/Associate Member.)
3. Private students should have passed the Grade 8 examination of one of the approved bodies, or have reached the equivalent standard (eg: LAMDA Gold Medal Verse & Prose). The SCAPT (Guildhall) is also recognised for Student Membership.
4. On obtaining a qualification recognised as a criterion for election to the Society, a Student should notify the Membership Registrar and apply for Full Membership.
5. No person possessing a qualification recognised by the Society may apply to become, or continue as, a Student
6. Student membership will run for three/four years from the date of acceptance.
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BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- a) Free copies of the Society Journal "WORD MATTERS" and the Newsletter.
- b) Information leaflets on a variety of subjects with the exception of Private Tuition Fees leaflet.
- c) Entitlement to receive notice of, all the Society's Conferences and special events. Students may attend the A.G.M. but have no voting rights.
- d) Inclusion in the Regional mailing lists as appropriate.
- e) Advice and information on careers, teaching and professional matters other than direct help with theses.

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