

NZSDT Inc Membership Types Combined Registration & Qualified Badge Procedure



Please use the correct Form.

Either Member Application Form or the Renewal Form.

Both available from the web site. <http://www.diversionaltherapy.net.nz/>

1. Full Membership

Full Membership is open to individuals **currently employed** in the field of Diversional Therapy. This includes Diversional Therapists, Motivation Therapists, Activities or Recreation Officers and Occupational Therapy Aides.

Full Membership entitles you to purchase the NZSDT Inc Members Handbook which contains the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Constitution and Membership Policy, the Full Members Badge, and receive a yearly date bar and quarterly Newsletter. This publication provides current information on training and education, a list of support groups, and an opportunity to share ideas and support fellow Members.

Full Members only are entitled to purchase and wear the Membership Badge, and will be issued with a current yearly bar on renewal (without the year bar your badge is invalid).

Full Membership entitles you to vote at SGM's and the AGM. If fees are paid by a workplace, voting rights will be available to the person who is named on the Membership Application Form.

2. Associate Membership

Associate Membership is **open to Students, Volunteers, Facilities Managers and other interested parties** who wish to belong to the Society and are **not** currently employed as a Diversional Therapist.

Associate Membership entitles you to purchase the NZSDT Inc Members Handbook which contains the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Constitution and Membership Policy, and receive quarterly Newsletters. This publication provides current information on training and education, a list of support groups, and an opportunity to share ideas and support fellow Members. The Handbook is available and is added to the cost of Membership.

Associate Members are not eligible to vote.

3. Friends

Remaining a Friend of the Society is open to past Members who have resigned or retired but would like to maintain their interest and contact with current information and events. Friend of the Society entitles you to receive quarterly Newsletters.

Friends of the Society are not eligible to vote.

4. Resigning

Any Member wishing to resign shall give **NOTICE IN WRITING** to the Secretary as per the Constitution. **Non-payment of fees does not constitute a resignation.** A Member is liable for Membership fees up to the end of the financial year in which notice of resignation is received. The NZSDT Inc. financial year begins on 1 January each year.

Combined Registration & Qualified Badge Procedure

The New Zealand Society of Diversional Therapists Inc. has established an independent Registration Board to maintain a Register of Qualified Diversional Therapists and issue Registration Certificates and Badges to persons who meet the criteria required by the Society.

Step One

Candidates applying to the Registrar of the NZSDT Inc for Registration and the Qualified Badge must submit the following:

1. Fees \$35: Registration Fee \$25 (non-refundable) & \$10 Administration Fee.
2. Cheque made payable to NZSDT Inc. and sent to the Registrar.
3. A certified copy of the NZQA National Certificate in Diversional Therapy, or certified CSSITO printout, listing complete qualification. To be signed as sighted by the applicants current Employer.
4. A letter dated within one month from current and / or last Employer stating hands on Diversional Therapy employment of not less than 3000 hours with a minimum of three years as a Diversional Therapist.
5. Candidates who change Employers after completion of the National Certificate of Diversional Therapy and before assessment for Registration and Qualified Badge must have been employed with current employer for no less than 3 months before applying for Registration.

Step Two

If the above is met the Registrar will:

6. Check that the Candidate has been a Member for two full consecutive years (based on Anniversary Date of joining), and hold current Membership with the Society
7. Fax Motivational Therapy NZ Ltd to arrange for an Assessor to visit the workplace.
Please do not arrange your own Assessor.
8. Send to the Candidate the Registration Handbook and application forms, these may be given, if completed to the Assessor at the site visit, otherwise to be sent to the Registrar.
The Assessor on completion of Assessment, to send completed forms to the Registrar.
9. Notify Registration Board of application.
10. Forward to Registration Board copies of Assessment and Registration Forms.
11. On approval of the application by the Registration Board, send the Badge and Registration Certificate, and all Candidate documentation to the President. The President will sign the Certificate and forward on to the Candidate.
12. Send a copy of the Approval Meeting minutes to the Secretary for tabling at the next National Executive meeting.
13. Fax the Treasurer the Badge number and Registration date, to be entered into the Society Data Base.
14. Send the Candidate a yearly Registration Renewal Pack.
15. The Candidate will forward to the Registrar all completed Registration Renewal documentation, and the \$25 Registration Renewal fee.

Attainment of the Registered and Qualified Badge:

Attainment of the National Certificate in Diversional Therapy only:

The NZSDT Inc will present a Congratulations Certificate to successful Candidates at the yearly Conference.

The current Official Handbook should be referred to for all matters concerning Membership.