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of the

WEST AUSTRALIAN MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (Inc)

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Membership Categories

Classes of Ordinary Membership of the Association consist of:

- (a) **Accredited Teaching Membership:** available to teachers who fit the criteria in the table overleaf.
- (b) **Teaching Membership:** available to teachers who fit the criteria in the table overleaf.
- (c) **Life Membership:** may be offered to persons considered by the Council to be deserving of such distinction by reasons of service rendered to the Association, recommended to, and confirmed by a General Meeting of the Association. Persons so elected shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership for life without being liable for any annual or other fees of subscriptions.

Classes of Associate Members of the Associations consist of:

- (d) **Provisional Membership:** available to a teacher/student who has been teaching for a minimum of 1 year. Provisional membership is limited to 3 years, during which time the members must be actively working towards qualifying for Teaching Membership. Failure to qualify for Teaching Membership will cause membership to downgrade to Companion level.
- (e) **Student Membership:** available to full time students who are currently studying towards a music or music teaching degree or diploma at a recognised tertiary institution. A current proof of enrolment plus current student ID are required annually to remain eligible; failure to provide these within 1 month of the new academic year starting will cause membership to downgrade to Companion level.
- (f) **Companion Membership (Friend of WAMTA):** Available to any person who shows a genuine interest in supporting the Association and its objects. Companion members will receive the quarterly bulletin "Presto", member discounts and all relevant eNews notifications and updates.
- (g) **Retired Membership:** available to members who have ceased teaching but wish to retain a connection with the Association.

Requirements for different membership categories can include:

- (1) Performance and Theory / Musicianship / Music Craft levels at a given AMEB or equivalent grade.
- (2) A documented history of successful teaching may include:
 - a. references from appropriately qualified music educators,
 - b. examination results from a recognised examination board,
 - c. eisteddfod and competition reports,
 - d. evidence of scholarships and other awards received by students.
- (3) Evidence of ongoing professional development in music teaching includes providing personalised certificates specifying hours of instruction completed in courses such as Kodaly, Orff, Dalcroze, Yamaha and Suzuki Teaching, or other PD workshops and conferences as approved by Council. "Ongoing" means a minimum of 4 hours of development per calendar year. Neither enrolment in a tertiary music degree nor undertaking regular lessons qualify as ongoing professional development.
- (4) A current Working with Children (WWC) card

Category	Accredited Teaching Member	Teaching Member	Provisional Member
Min. Age	21	18	18
Teaching Experience	More than 7 years	More than 3 years	At least 1 year
WWC card	Required	Required	Required
Min. Performance	Diploma (Credit) <i>e.g. AMusA</i>	Grade 7 (Credit)	Grade 6
Min. Theory	Grade 5 (Credit)	Grade 4 (Credit)	Grade 4
Qualifications	One or more of the following: (a) Degree or diploma in music teaching or music education from a recognised tertiary institution (b) Diploma in music teaching from a recognised Examination Board (such as the AMEB's ATMusA) (c) Degree in education with a major in music from a recognised tertiary institution (d) Degree in music (without a teaching component) from a recognised tertiary institution PLUS either of: (1) A documented history of successful teaching at Grades 5 and above, OR (2) Evidence of ongoing professional development in music teaching (e) Certificates and equivalent courses specialising in music teaching as approved by Council plus a history of documented successful teaching at Grade 5+. Accredited Membership may also be offered at the discretion of the Council based on evidence of successful teaching at Grades 5 and above, ongoing professional development and references where appropriate.	Formal qualifications are not mandatory, but the applicant will need to provide: (1) A documented history of successful teaching, AND (2) Evidence of ongoing professional development in music teaching	No minimum requirements Further study is required to work towards qualifying for Teaching Membership within 3 years.
Ongoing PD	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required
Post Nominals	Entitled to use the post nominal MMTA		

Country Members

Teaching members living in the country shall be those who reside at any place beyond the metropolitan region as defined by the West Australian Planning Commission. The Perth Metropolitan Area is bounded by the Shire of Gingin, the Shire of Chittering and the Shire of Toodyay in the north, the Shire of Northam, the Shire of York, the Shire of Beverley and the Shire of Wandering in the east, the eastern part of the Shire of Murray and the Shire of Waroona in the south, and the Indian Ocean in the west.