



SHIATSU Therapy Association of Australia

The Shiatsu Therapy Association of Australia was incorporated as a voluntary body in 1987 under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Since that time the Association has progressed and achieved many results some of which are listed below;

- Representation of the Shiatsu Industry in the developing Health Training Packages.
- Establishment of basic training for practitioners at Diploma level.
- Increased political, professional & educational credibility for Shiatsu.
- Recognition of Shiatsu by Private Health Fund organizations.
- Representation of therapists Australia-wide.
- Insurance cover & reduction in insurance costs for members.
- International conferences.
- Regular production of the Pointers Journal and Newsletters.
- Promotion of members' businesses.
- Independent listing of Shiatsu in the Yellow Pages.
- Provision of promotional material about Shiatsu
- Facilitation of professional development opportunities.
- Consistent administration by paid worker.
- A nationally representative Council.
- A strong and growing membership.
- Promotion of the Association & Shiatsu in the community, such as the Sustainable Living Festival.
- An informative website.

The minimum requirement for **Full Membership** with the Shiatsu Therapy Association of Australia is the **Diploma of Shiatsu and Oriental Therapies** (HLT50202) completed at a registered training organisation (RTO).

For **overseas graduates** [as a general guide](#) the equivalent [is at least 400 hours of tuition of Shiatsu and related studies, and 100 hours of supervised clinical practice.](#)

[Applicants who have overseas qualifications need to provide as much certified documentation as possible with regards to their training including a course outline \(subjects and hours\), academic record and proof that you have completed each subject and the course. The essential information will need to be in English.](#)

Overseas applicants [are also required to supply two Case Studies and complete a practical assessment. The practical assessment will be organised by the STAA office once your training has been assessed.](#)

All [Full Members](#) are required to hold an Australian current **First Aid Certificate** ([Level 2 Workplace /Senior](#)) and current **Professional Indemnity Insurance**.

Full Membership fees are [\\$180.00 a year plus](#) a one of [\\$40.00 joining fee](#).

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Once STAA Membership has been provisionally approved, Professional Indemnity Insurance can be obtained at a discount through OAMPS Insurance Brokers. Membership will be complete once a copy of Insurance document has been received at the STAA National Office.

The Full Membership kit containing all information regarding membership including health fund information will be sent once membership requirements are complete.

Full Members of the Shiatsu Therapy Association of Australia have access to discounted Professional Indemnity Insurance and Health Insurance rebates for their clients. They are listed in the STAA practising therapist register (A hard copy booklet provided to all members and the general public) and on the STAA website; you will also be able to purchase "What is Shiatsu" brochures to advertise your practise and Shiatsu.

As a Full Member you will receive the Journal Pointers, be eligible for discounts at STAA discounters, have contact with the shiatsu community and receive STAA voting rights.

You will also be listed on the Full email data base which receives relevant information regarding shiatsu such as courses and workshops.

An alternative membership category is Associate Membership. This is not considered a professional membership, but is available for non-practising members, or people with an interest in Shiatsu Therapy.

Associate Membership fees are \$80.00 a year plus a one off \$40.00 joining fee.

Student Membership is also available to students of shiatsu.

Student Membership fees are \$50.00 for two years with no joining fee.

Associate and Student Members receive Pointers, the STAA journal, and are eligible to obtain discounts at STAA discounters. They will also be listed on the relevant email database to receive information regarding Shiatsu.

Please contact STAA on 1300 138 250 or enquiries@staa.org.au to obtain an application form or if you require further information

Yours faithfully,
JENNINE RIELLY
Administration Officer