

Membership of the Swimming Teachers' Association is available to all who are interested in the charitable objectives of the STA, the preservation of human life by teaching swimming, lifesaving and survival techniques. Applicants for membership of STA do not have to be qualified with STA; STA recognises qualifications from many other organisations in the UK and overseas. Membership is mandatory for candidates enrolling on most STA courses and is mandatory for all Tutors.

Membership Benefits

Members enjoy the benefits set out below (benefit 1 applies to Associate and Qualified members only):

1. FREE £10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance in respect of any single claim for negligence while the member is engaged in an activity of the Association.
2. FREE monthly Swim & Save e-Zine newsletter and annual magazine.
3. Discounts on International STA Awards Programme (ILSP) and select products at www.staswimshop.co.uk.
4. Discount on RoadServe membership.
5. Prestige and Support of a truly professional Association with expertise and international recognition.

Applying for Membership

Applications for membership should:

- Complete the Membership Application Form overleaf, and
- Either complete the Direct Debit Mandate overleaf OR enclose a cheque for the full fees, and
- Indicate overleaf the category of membership required, and
- Produce the required documents as set out overleaf, and
- Send the documentation to STA as set out overleaf (address below).

Gift Aid Declaration

Members' subscriptions can be paid as a Gift Aid; this benefits STA but incurs no further cost to the member. If you do not comply with item 2 below, or you do not wish your subscription to be included, tick the "Gift Aid Declaration" box located on the front page of this application form.

1. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

Public Liability Insurance

Please note that the benefits in this policy are restricted to members acting within their personal capacity and within their qualifications recognised by STA. This **does not** cover members acting in a business capacity such as running a swim school.

Return Address:

STA
 Membership Department
 Anchor House, Birch Street,
 Walsall, West Midlands, WS2 8HZ
 Tel: +44 (0)1922-645097
 Fax +44 (0)1922-720628
 Email: sta@sta.co.uk
 Web: www.sta.co.uk



Membership Application Form



I hereby apply for membership of the Swimming Teachers' Association and I undertake to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association in force from time to time as set out in the **Duty of Care** document. **THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL USING BLOCK CAPITALS**

Mr/Mrs/ _____ Surname _____
 Miss/Ms _____ Surname _____
 Initials _____ First Name _____
 Address _____

 _____ Post Code _____
 Tel: home _____ Work _____
 Mobile _____ Date of Birth _____
 E-Mail _____
 Membership of other similar associations _____

Gift Aid Declaration: I want the STA to treat all membership subscriptions that I pay to the STA, after 6th April 2000, as Gift Aid donations. See back page for further details. Please tick (✓) the box if you do not comply with clause 2 set out on the back page or if you do not wish your subscription to be included.

THIS QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED

* Have you, anywhere in the world, ever been convicted, cautioned or investigated by the police in relation to any allegation of a sexual offence (for these purposes sexual offence shall include any offence referred to in Schedule 3 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003). [Delete as appropriate]	YES	NO
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Applicants under 18 years old (under 16 in Scotland) should seek the consent of a parent or guardian before answering this question.
 By signing this form you undertake to contact the STA immediately if at any time in the future, anywhere in the world, you are convicted, cautioned or investigated by the police in relation to any allegation of a sexual offence as defined above.

Signed _____ Date _____

It is preferred that membership subscriptions are paid by Direct Debit which saves members £5 per annum.

Please complete the Membership Application Form above and send it together with the required documents set out overleaf **AND** either the completed Direct Debit Mandate **OR** your cheque for the correct fees.

Membership of the STA is divided into the following categories; the fees quoted are for members joining, or renewing membership.

RATES EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2013

✓	Categories of Membership	Designations	Documents Required	Annual Fees		
				Cheque	D/D	BACS
	Junior Membership (13-20 years of age). Please note that Junior Members must upgrade to Associate Membership when enrolling on most STA training courses.	ASTA[STU]	A	£19.00	£19.00	£19.00
	Associate Membership (16 years of age and over).	ASTA Aquatic Qualifications ASTA Tutor Qualifications ASTA[AQ] Aquacise Qualifications	A + B C D			
IMPORTANT NOTICE: A registration fee of £5.00 is payable in addition to the first year subscription only. Cheques to be made payable to STA.						

Supporting Documents Required

Membership Application Forms should be supported by the documents appropriate for the category of membership applied for as set out below:

- A – Current Lifesaving qualification or acceptable alternative.
- B – Current Aquatic Teaching examination details or certificate, or an acceptable equivalent.
- C – Evidence of Tutor qualification or course completion and applicable pre-requisite certificates.
- D – Aquacise Certificate or an acceptable equivalent.

Please note:

- Associate Members are initially granted the designation ASTA; this will be automatically updated to MSTA after two consecutive years of membership.
- All applications based on qualifications issued by organisations other than STA must be supported with copy certificate(s) for retention by STA.
- Membership by Direct Debit will automatically be renewed annually unless prior notification to STA is given.

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to Pay by Direct Debit

Originator's Identification Number

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Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society	
To the Manager	
Bank/Building Society	
Address	
Postcode	
Account Name (including initials)	
Branch Sort Code	
Bank /Building Society account number	
Instructions to your Bank/ Building Society	
Please pay Swimming Teachers' Association Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee.	
I understand that this Instruction may remain with the Swimming Teachers' Association and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/ Building Society.	
Signature(s)	Reference Number - for STA Use Only
Date	
Banks & Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of accounts.	

This guarantee should be detached and retained by the Payer.



The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank and Building Society.
- If the amounts to be paid or the payment dates change the Swimming Teachers' Association will notify you 7 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.
- If an error is made by the Swimming Teachers' Association or your Bank/ Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit any time by writing to your Bank/ Building Society. Please send a copy of your letter to us.