



APPLICATION FOR NZSTA MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION CREDENTIALS (MRA) 2008

This application form must be used by ASHA certificate holders, certified members of CASLPA, RCSLT and Speech Pathology Australia and full members of IASLT applying for full membership of NZSTA under the Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Professional Association Credentials 2008. Please read the [Procedure for NZSTA Membership under the Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Professional Association Credentials 2008](#) before completing this application form.

1. Applicants must complete **ALL** sections of this form in **black** ink in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Personal Information

Full Name

Title:	First Name:	Middle Names:	Last Name:
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If your name on this application has changed (either through marriage or some other event) from the name on any of the supporting documentation, please attach a *certified*¹ copy of the official document registering this change.

Date of Birth

Day:	Month:	Year:
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Mailing Address

Street Number:	Street Name:	Suburb:
Town/City:	Post/ZIP code:	Country:
Phone:	Mobile phone:	
Email:		

Current certifications

My Home Association is (*please specify*) _____

Certification or Membership number (*please specify*) _____

Name of Registering/Licensing Body: _____ Registration Number: _____

Have any previous applications been rejected by any of the Signatory Associations (*please circle*)?

Yes No

If **yes**, which Association? _____

Please provide details on a separate page.

¹ 'Certified' evidence is a 'certified true copy'; as outlined in point 12 of the Procedure document.

Professional Information (Please attach a resumé/curriculum vitae of work experience)

Are you currently employed (*please circle*)?

Yes

No

If **yes**, please give details.

Employer Details

Name:	
Contact person: (<i>supervisor/manager</i>)	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Education (Please provide the following information regarding any graduate or postgraduate qualifications of relevance to the practice of speech-language therapy)

Name of conferring institution:	Country in which the qualification was completed:	Formal title of qualification received:	Date awarded:
1.			
2.			
3.			

Disclosure Information

1. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or an offence related to the practice of speech language therapy (*please circle*)?

Yes

No

2. Have you been the subject of a finding of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity by your Home Association or any other body (*please circle*)?

Yes

No

3. Have you ever been disciplined or sanctioned, or are there any disciplinary proceedings pending against you before any professional association, professional licensing authority or board, or other professional regulatory body (*please circle*)?

Yes

No

If you answered yes to any of the above please provide details on a separate piece of paper. Include the nature of the offence; the date of the offence; the nature of any penalties or rehabilitation requirements imposed and any other relevant factors you would like the NZSTA to consider.

NOTE: A criminal conviction, disciplinary action or sanction will not automatically preclude membership. The NZSTA will consider all relevant factors.

Consent

I consent to sharing with NZSTA all information held by _____ [name of Home Association] regarding any pending charges, convictions and disciplinary actions against me, including any that may arise subsequent to this application.

Declaration

- A. I affirm that the information I have provided on this application is accurate.
- B. I have read and agree to abide by the NZSTA Code of Ethics.
- C. I agree to abide by all standards required to maintain membership and I understand that, once I receive membership, my membership status may be made available to the public.
- D. I agree that the results of my application may be shared with the other Signatory Associations for research purposes and no identifying information will be included.
- E. I have requested my Home Association forward a **letter of good standing** attesting that I hold current certification/full membership.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Witness² Signature: _____

Payment Details

Payment due for MRA Application; **must be** in New Zealand Dollars: NZD \$600

Enclosed is my cheque/bank draft made out to NZSTA

OR

Electronic payment to NZSTA account number: 11 7244 0425162 11

International bank codes and details are available by e-mailing

nzsta@speechtherapy.org.nz

Application Checklist

Please refer to the [Procedure for NZSTA Membership under the Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Professional Association Credentials 2008](#) when completing this checklist.

I have:

- 1. Requested a *letter of good standing* be sent from my Home Association verifying current certification/full membership.
- 2. Included a *certified*¹ copy of the official document registering a change in name (if applicable).
- 3. Included the original copy of IELTS "Academic" results (if applicable).
- 4. Included a professional resumé/curriculum vitae of work experience.
- 5. **For all ASHA certification holders**
Included certified¹ evidence of having completed 1000 hours of speech-language therapy practice within the 5 past years.
- 6. **For ASHA certification holders who graduated with a master's degree in speech-language therapy pathology prior to 1998**
Included certified¹ evidence of competency in dysphagia assessment, diagnosis and management, either through evidence of specific courses or previous experience.
- 7. **For certified members of Speech Pathology Australia**
Included certified¹ evidence of having completed one year of supervised clinical speech-language therapy practice in my country of certification.

² A witness is a Solicitor/Lawyer or Justice of the Peace as per point 12 in the Procedure document.

8. **For all clinically certified members of CASLPA**

Included certified¹ evidence of having completed one year of supervised clinical speech-language therapy practice in my country of certification.

Included certified¹ evidence of having completed 1000 hours of speech-language therapy practice within the 5 past years.

9. **For clinically certified members of CASLPA certified prior to 1999**

Included certified¹ evidence of competency in dysphagia assessment, diagnosis and management, either through evidence of specific courses or previous experience.

10. **For full members of IASLT**

Included certified¹ evidence of competency in dysphagia assessment, diagnosis and management, either through evidence of specific courses or previous experience.

11. **For certified members of RCSLT**

Included certified¹ evidence of competency in dysphagia assessment, diagnosis and management, either through evidence of specific courses or previous experience.

I understand that:

1. This application will not be processed if the above consent and declaration sections are not completed and signed.
2. Applications submitted without payment will be rejected.
3. It is my responsibility to maintain membership and meet all individual requirements of NZSTA (and my Home Association if I so choose). Failure to maintain the requirements of my Home Association may result in me being required to complete the full process for entering practice in my home country upon return.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Please send the completed application and supporting documents to:

MRA Application
NZ Speech-Language Therapists' Association
P O Box 38 070
Parklands
Christchurch 8842
New Zealand

A non-refundable application fee of NZ\$600 must accompany this application.