

# APMA Membership Categories

APMA has numerous membership categories that have been established to address member needs. Members are responsible for contacting their component society to seek membership category changes.

Below is a list of current member categories and qualifications:

## ■ Postgraduate

A DPM who is serving as a resident, fellow, or who is a full-time postgraduate student, or a graduate who, during the first year following graduation, has not entered practice or been admitted to a residency program.

## ■ Associate

Available to DPMs who have been in practice for fewer than five years. Associates pay a lower national annual dues rate than Active members.

## ■ Active

A DPM who has been in practice for more than five years.

## ■ Non-Practicing

A DPM who has not been engaged in practice or in the dispensing of podiatric medical services for a minimum of one year (due to taking care of a family member who is ill, raising a family, etc.).

## ■ Faculty

A licensed DPM who is engaged primarily in a teaching or research position at a college of podiatric medicine, medical school, or academic health science center.

## ■ Senior

A DPM who has reached the age of 62, or has been forced to curtail his or her practice because of illness, and is actively engaged in practice for no more than 20 hours per week, and has been an APMA member for 15 consecutive years.

## ■ Life

There are three ways a DPM may qualify for Life membership:

1. has maintained APMA membership for a minimum of 15 consecutive years and is at least 65 years of age and completely retired from practice;

2. has maintained APMA membership for a minimum of 25 consecutive years and is completely retired from practice. No minimum age requirement; or

3. has maintained APMA membership for a minimum of 50 consecutive years. No minimum age requirement and the DPM may still be in practice.

## ■ 5.4 Status

A DPM for whom the payment of dues would constitute a hardship due to a temporary physical disability, illness, or other reasons as investigated and set forth by the component society. This status allows the member to be excused from payment of both component and national dues (all or a portion), for the current fiscal year.

## ■ Disabled

A DPM who is disabled, and for whom the payment of dues would constitute a hardship. "Disabled" shall mean total disability that continuously prevents the member from carrying out substantial and material professional duties. Such members must be under the regular care of a physician, other than him- or herself, and may not derive any income or profit from any activity as a DPM.

## ■ Affiliate/International

A DPM practicing in any country other than the United States who is a graduate of a CPME-accredited college of podiatric medicine, or a practitioner of any country, other than the United States, who devotes a substantial portion of his or her practice to the medical and/or surgical care of the foot and is not a DPM.

## ■ Federal Services Member

A licensed DPM whose sole employment in the field of podiatric medicine is in the Federal Services.