

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP RELATED ISSUES

Q1. Is the membership open to everyone?

- A1. Membership is open only to one who meets all of the following criteria:
- a. a Singapore Citizen
 - b. at least 21 years old
 - c. an ethnic Chinese whose ancestry can be traced to Fujian Province
 - d. be of sound mind
 - e. not have been convicted under the criminal laws of Singapore or any country and sentenced to imprisonment for more than 1 year and/or a fine exceeding S\$5,000, provided that where the conviction is by a court of law otherwise than in Singapore, the person shall not be so disqualified unless the offence is also one which, had it been committed in Singapore, would have been punishable by a court of law in Singapore"

Q2. What documents/payments do I need to produce in the submission of membership application?

- A2. One has to produce the following:
- a. Completed [membership application form](#) with your passport photograph and signatures from 2 existing members of Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan as sponsors
 - b. Copy of your Singapore Birth Certificate (for verification of paternal's dialect group)
 - c. Colour copy of your NRIC (for verification of citizenship), or any other documents to show that citizenship has been approved
 - d. Payment of \$720/- (non-refundable) made payable to "Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan" (\$600/- being a one-time entrance fee, and \$120/- being subscription that covers a 5-year term)

Q3. What other fees do I need to pay as a member?

- A3. Apart from the \$720/- stated above, every ordinary member is required to pay a non-refundable subscription fee of \$120/- every 5 years commencing from the sixth year of membership.

Q4. Will my application be accepted if I cannot obtain signatures of two existing members to be my sponsors?

- A4. Finding two existing members to be your sponsors is a necessary condition in the membership application process. Your application will not be processed if this condition is not met.

Q5. Are Permanent Residents eligible to apply?

- A5. Our membership is open to Singapore Citizens only.

- Q6. Am I eligible to apply if only my mother is Hokkien?**
A6. We follow the Chinese traditional way of identifying the dialect group of a person via the paternal lineage i.e. the father's dialect group.
- Q7. I lost my Birth Certificate. Are there any other documents I can show proof of my dialect group?**
A7. You may submit your father's with documentary proof of father-child relationship.
- Q8. After submitting my application form, how will I know if my application has been approved?**
A8. Upon approval of your membership application at Council Meetings, we will inform you of your membership via letter. The Executive Council shall have the right to reject any application for membership without providing any reason.
- Q9. When will my membership commence?**
A9. Subject to the approval by the Executive Council, membership commencement date is set as the first day of the following month your membership application with full requisite fees duly received and cleared i.e. membership will commence on 1 December if the application and full requisite fees are duly received and cleared in the month of November.
- Q10. What can I look forward to as a member?**
A10. As a member, you will be informed of activities organised by us through our newsletters and website, and you can use the Association as a platform to build network with other members and to contribute to society in causes upheld by the Association. You can also enjoy a 10% discounts for classes offered by our Arts & Cultural Troupe (Tel: 6354-1972, Website: www.shhkact.com.sg).
- Q11. Does a member enjoy any privileges in Phase 2B Primary School Registration at the Association's affiliated schools?**
A11. Membership and school registration are two separate matters. For details on Phase 2B Registration, please refer to [FAQ for Phase 2B Registration](#).
- Q12. How do I keep the Association updated on any changes in my particulars?**
A1. You may notify us in writing (mail, email or fax) of any changes in your particulars promptly as membership confirmation letter, invoices for subscription fee and newsletters will be sent to your mailing address.

Q13. Will I get a refund on the entrance and/or subscription fees if I resign as a member?

A13. Once your membership application has been approved, there will be no refund of all fees paid. You shall continue to be liable for any subscription fees and any other fees due which are in arrears and unpaid as at the date of your resignation.

Q14. Will I get a refund on the entrance and/or subscription fees if my application is rejected?

A15. Your application fees will be refunded in full without interest.