

African Genetic Counsellors Association (AGCA)



Membership

Membership of the society is open to individuals interested in advancing genetic counselling and working in areas related to education, clinical care, research, public health, ethics, law and policy as per the AfSHG policy. Applicants should be members of the AfSHG. Membership for AGCA and AfSHG is subject to approval from the AfSHG and AGCA committees.

There are several membership categories for the AGCA which are inline with the AfSHG.

Membership categories

- Full member

Accredited and practicing genetic counsellors with 2-year MSc in genetic counselling and healthcare professionals or genetic scientists with an interest or focus in genetic counselling. Full members receive all member benefits, have voting rights and can hold office and serve on committees.

- Trainee/student

Genetic Counselling trainees/students currently enrolled MSc in genetic counselling programme, or intern genetic counsellors. Trainees receive all of the same privileges as associate members.

- Honorary/Emeritus

Honorary membership shall be extended to individuals who have contributed to the research and training in genetic counselling, particularly in Africa, upon approval by the Committee. This may also be applied for special membership for retired genetic counsellors in good standing of AGCA for a minimum of 10 years.

Becoming a member

To become a member, an applicant must:

- a) Submit a membership application form.
- b) Pay the prescribed membership fees.

The Executive Committee will consider all applications for membership and may accept or reject any application at its discretion.

Members have the right to attend meetings, participate in the activities of the organisation, and vote in elections.

Members will cease to be members of the organisation if they:

- a) Resign in writing.
- b) Fail to pay their membership fees.
- c) Act contrary to the objectives or interests of the organisation.

Any member who wishes to appeal against the loss of the benefits of membership or against the termination of membership may do so in writing to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will consider the appeal and may reinstate the member if it deems fit.