



Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS 2019

	Categories of Membership					
	Ordinary Members		Associate Members			International Associate Members
	Pharmacist*	Intern & Academic intern	Pharmacy Student	Pharmacy Technician & Technical Assistant	Pharmacist's Assistant	
National promotion of the irreplaceable role of the pharmacist as part of the healthcare team to other health professionals and the public through initiatives such as Pharmacy Month and World Pharmacists Day.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Negotiation on behalf of members with government (National Department of Health, Heads of Pharmaceutical Services and the Minister of Health) and other health related professions and councils (SAPC, BHF, SAHPRA, WHO and FIP).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Interaction and benchmarking with colleagues in the same Sector of the profession (academia, community, hospital and institutional, industry) or same geographical area (branch) and also exposure to other sectors of the profession through joint events.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Advice and support which is only a phone call or email away from various experienced full-time staff of the Society.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Reliable information and relevant news communicated through: South African Pharmaceutical Journal and South African Pharmacist's Assistant Journal** PSSA website Electronic newsletters Social Media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional legal services including assistance with human resource related issues through free telephonic labour law advice and referral to suitable legal representation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Books and reference publications available at preferential rates to members. PSSA Pharmacy Law Compendium, published by LexisNexis, is available to PSSA members at 10% discount.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reviewing and addressing healthcare legislation such as Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Pharmacy Act, National Health Insurance, Medical Schemes Act, Dispensing fee, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
International best practice guidelines made available through membership of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional Indemnity Insurance cost-effective and comprehensively through partnership with PPS Short Term Insurance to suit a diversity of practice settings and levels of cover.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bursaries through the Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education to deserving undergraduate and post graduate pharmacy students (<i>academic interns and pharmacy students only</i>) depending the availability of bursaries.		Academic interns only	✓			
Continuing Professional Development through CPD evenings, online webinars, symposiums, workshops and conferences. The PSSA/Alpha Pharm distance learning programme, which covers five relevant diseases per year, is available at a reduced rate.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attend any meeting of Society, Branch or Sectoral Division, or by invitation any Executive Meeting of the Branch or Sectoral Division Committee.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Take part in any discussion on any matter at any general or special meeting of the Branch or Sectoral Division.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Proud association with the PSSA and entitlement to include MPS (Member of Pharmaceutical Society) or FPS (Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society) after your name.	✓	✓				
Vote on any motion put to a General or Special meeting of the Branch or Sectoral Division of which he/she is a member.	✓	✓				
Nominate and vote for members of the Branch and Sectoral committee of which he/she is a member.	✓	✓				
Be nominated for and appointed to any office or committee of the Society.	✓	✓				
Selected by his/her Branch or Sectoral Division to attend and vote at meetings of the General Council.	✓	✓				

*Including Community Service Pharmacist **In printed format for pharmacists, community service pharmacists, interns, pharmacist's assistants, pharmacy technicians and international associate members; Through a link to online version for academic interns and pharmacy students