



## The Commercial Diving Association (Singapore)

### Membership Guide

Membership categories within the Commercial Diving Association (Singapore) – CDA(S) – are as follows:

#### Corporate Member

Corporate Membership is open to any Company, Partnership or other body corporate that carries out any Commercial Diving activity in Singapore, as defined as any underwater or subsea works requiring the services of Commercial Divers and ancillary persons supporting the Commercial Divers in the conduct of their tasks. A Corporate Member may appoint one representative who is above 18 years of age to act for itself as member of the Association and to exercise the rights to vote and to hold office in the Association.

The Corporate Member shall be entitled to three voting rights at the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting.

Examples of Corporate Members are Commercial Diving companies, or large companies or corporations that have a commercial diving division or department.

*Note: The corporate member shall be expected to comply with established commercial diving safety standards and legal requirements. In Singapore, this means compliance to, at a minimum, the WSH Act and subsidiary regulations, the Singapore Standards “Code of Practice for Diving at Work”, and relevant WSH Technical Advisories, as is required by law. On its part, the Association will promote the use of these standards as the baseline for the industry. The Association maintains the right to ascertain that members are in compliance with these standards. Those members found not conforming to the standards will be given opportunity to improve. Members that failed to do so after being notified by the Association may be expelled from the Association.*

#### Individual Member

Individual Membership is open to a person who has produced evidence to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that he is at least 18 years of age: and

- i. Possesses a certificate of competency (C0C) as a Commercial Diver or Diver Support Technician, or an equivalent qualification approved by a recognized institution or other qualification which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is the equivalent to such C0C or alternatively has had experience in work of such nature as to satisfy the Executive Committee that he should be exempted under the special circumstances from having such C0C or equivalent qualification; or
- ii. Has been engaged in the practice of or associated with some branch of the Commercial Diving Industry; and / or
- iii. Has attained such degree of standing in some branch of the Commercial Diving Industry as in the opinion of the Executive Committee should entitle him to be accepted as an Individual Member.

The Individual Member shall be entitled to one voting right at the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting.

Examples of Individual Members are active Commercial Divers, Dive Supervisors, Dive Medic Technicians and Life Support Technicians. At the Executive committee’s discretion, this can include former divers who no longer dive but are still involved in commercial diving operations such as dive superintendents, dive managers, operations managers, client dive safety representatives, or trainers/instructors etc.

#### Associate Member

Associate Membership is open to any person or company or partnership or other body corporate who / that does not fall under the other categories or in the opinion of the Executive Committee is not directly associated with the Commercial Diving Industry and who is interested in some branches of the Commercial Diving Industry.

An Associate Member may attend meetings of the Association but shall have no right to vote at such meetings. The Associate Member shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association.



Associate Members may include:

- i. Any company, Partnership or other body corporate engaged in the engineering, manufacturing, supporting, refining, maintenance and construction of Marine structures by means of, or with the assistance of, Commercial Diving Operations, including Shipbuilders, Marine Construction companies, and Owners of said structures.
- ii. Any company, Partnership or other body corporate engaged in the manufacturing, supply, servicing and maintenance of diving plant and equipment, and
- iii. Any company, Partnership or other body corporate engaged in supporting roles for the diving industry, including Training or Continuing Education of Commercial Divers, Consultancy services for Commercial Diving companies, and hyperbaric and diving medical services.

### **Student Member**

Student Membership is open to a person who, to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, is not a Commercial Diver or Diver Support Technician, but who is undergoing training, internship or instruction leading to a recognised Certificate of Competency, or a person who is planning to undergo such training, internship or instruction. His membership shall continue so long only as the Executive Committee is of the opinion that he satisfactorily continues or pursues such course of training, internship or instruction.

A Student Member may attend meetings of the Association but he shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings. He shall not hold any office in the Association.