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Membership Guidelines (as adopted by the Executive Board of Medical Students Association of India)

Relevant Bylaws (as per June 2018) with regards to membership and termination:

**10.2 The following students are eligible for MSAI membership:**

10.2.1 Students studying for a medical or paramedical degree in an educational institution recognized by the Medical Council of India, including

- Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT)
- Bachelor in Nursing degrees, Pharmacy, Paramedical courses.

10.2.2 Any non-medical undergraduate courses recognized by the Government of India. (Should not exceed increase 10% of total members)

10.2.3 Individuals can become members of MSAI who have completed an undergraduate course up to a maximum of 2 years after their graduation or before starting the post graduation degree, whatever first.

10.2.4 Students completing any of the degrees referred to, in this article, who is on a period of approved academic leave.

10.2.5 Student with Indian Citizenship studying in a Foreign University in the above fields only after obtaining a letter from the NMO (of the Foreign University) clearly stating either of the following scenarios.

10.2.5.1 Foreign NMO does not allow Indian or other nationalities within their NMO

10.2.5.2 There is not an existing NMO in that country

10.2.5.3 The student does not wish to be a part of that NMO and instead wants to be a part of MSAI. (In this case, the student will have to submit an official letter from the other NMO stating that he is not and never was a member of that NMO. Student simultaneously cannot be a part of the native NMO, any contradiction to this clause will lead to permanent termination of the MSAI membership. )

10.3 Eligible students may become Member on payment of the prescribed membership fee, filling the Membership form completely and accurately and after being approved by the Vice President-Internal Affairs and in special cases, the Executive Board.

10.4 The validity of the Membership is for a Lifetime, however to work within the administration (take up positions) requires the individual to meet the Eligibility Criteria.

10.5 The membership fee shall be determined by the Executive Board at the NGA every year and is subject to change only after a unanimous vote by the Executive Board

10.6 The Vice President-Internal Affairs shall maintain a national database of the members of the association. The national database shall be the register of Members, which will include names, contact information and other required information of its members.

11.1 Membership may be terminated in cases of behaviour that causes harm to the organization as a result of a decision by a 2/3rd majority of EB and TO at an NGA or by proxy to expel the Member after a thorough investigation into the circumstance.





No membership can be terminated under assumptions of harm to the organization.

11.2 Any person or organization may submit a written complaint to the President or Supervisory Council if the conduct of a member of the Association has been injurious to the character of the Association

11.3 A Judging Panel should be set up consisting of 3 uninvolved Executive Board members, 4 uninvolved Team of Official members, 1 Supervisory Council member and concerning State Director. The matter is discussed hearing both sides of the matter and a decision is made by 2/3rds majority of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel exists only to terminate the membership and not to evict the individual from positions and termination of membership must be avoided as much as possible

11.4 The decision of the Judging Panel along with the judging process and its minutes must be shared with the members of MSAI after a decision is made.

11.5 The Member concerned must receive at least one (1) month's prior notice of the Judgement Day with the Judging Panel member names. During the course of one month, the questioned member can demand a change in the Judging Panel if he wishes to eliminate bias.

11.6 Within fourteen (14) days of the resolution to expel the Member being passed, the Association shall give the Member a written notification of the resolution

### **Guidelines and Interpretation:**

Any member found to be in violation of these bylaws and their interpretations will be subject to an investigation by the Supervisory Council and subsequent termination if found guilty of causing harm/injury to the character of the organization.

An investigation will be held in accordance with the bylaws of this organisation.  
The Supervisory Council will verify the claims on both sides.

Any member who wishes to be a part of any other NMO while being a part of MSAI has to have a No Objection Certificate signed by the the Executive Board of MSAI.

If found in violation of this, the member will be subject to an investigation by the Supervisory Council and subsequent termination of membership (and suspension from the position, if applicable)

If the membership is terminated, all work done from the date in the question under MSAI and its banner will be considered null and void, and any reference will be considered as forgery with subsequent legal action. Membership termination also implies that the person concerned cannot become a member again in the future.

The decision of the MSAI Executive Board regarding internal issues is final, any objections are to be brought to the notice of the Supervisory Council, who will pursue the matter.

For external and/or international opportunities, the decision and support of the NMO (in terms of signed and stamped candidature forms, inputs regarding members/applicants and other external representation opportunities in and not limited to IFMSA) will depend on the





evaluation done by the MSAI Executive Board based on the following factors with regards to (and not limited to) MSAI as well as IFMSA:

- Work experience
- Positions held
- External representation
- Organisational experience

Along with this, the final decision will depend on the red and yellow flags raised by the MSAI EB.

Work done in MSAI (also referred to as NMO contribution) – will be corroborated by the respective EB official and will be reviewed by the Vice-President for External Affairs, with membership details as supported by the Vice president of Internal Affairs. Supported with inputs from

Respective EB members,

- VPA for Activities
- VPCB for trainings Workshop
- VPE for External Representation
- VPX for Exchanges
- VPI for regional team contribution
- VPF for any financial dues
- President for any other inputs including and not limited to those mentioned above

In accordance with MSAI guidelines,

- Definitions:-
  - Red Flags: Where a member of the EB strongly objects to an applicant because the applicant has breached one or more bylaws and/or guidelines and their interpretations. In this case, the concerned EB member has to provide explanation and proof to the EB for their claims.
- Yellow Flags: Where a member of the EB objects to the applicant because they have reason to believe that the member does not have the adequate skills/discipline/knowledge for the concerned position or opportunity. No proof will be demanded in this case although an explanation must be provided to the EB by the member raising the yellow flag.
- Green Flags: No objection to the applicant

After the decision is made, the applicant should be informed of it and relevant explanation should be given, if necessary.

The applicant will not be given a signed and stamped Candidature Form

- If more than half of the EB members raise red flags
- If more than 2/3rd of the EB members raise yellow flags

For International Teams and Program Coordinator applications, a rule of one applicant per position per call will be followed. There will be no limit for the number of applications approved for external representation and other international opportunities.





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As for multiple IFMSA opportunities extended beyond scope of 10.2.3, and MSAI membership is one time payment lifetime membership, for the convenience, the existing MSAI members beyond the scope of 10.2.3 can be given NMO support as per the same guidelines as mentioned above.

Internal deadlines for MSAI will be earlier than IFMSA deadlines for processing the applications in order to assess and verify them for quality assurance.

Applicant at all times (specially if the internal deadline is not mentioned), unless and until exempted by the NMO president, should submit duly filled Candidature Form at least 24 hours before the external deadlines.

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