

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP RELATED ISSUES

1. Is the membership open to everyone?

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. must 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

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

One must 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 dialect group)
- c. Colour copy of your NRIC (for verification of citizenship)
- 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)

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

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.

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

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. Sponsors should know applicants in person so that they are able to vouch his/her eligibility so as to endorse the application. Onus is on applicants to secure their respective sponsors.

Annually the Huay Kuan and its related entities organise activities which are open to the public. You may wish to participate in these activities and get to know SHHK members present and seek their assistance. You may wish to visit the following websites for more information:

www.shhk.com.sg

www.shhkca.com.sg

www.shhkact.com.sg

www.scdt.com.sg

www.thianhockkeng.com.sg

5. Can my sponsors request for monetary or in-kind benefit to endorse my application?

Sponsors are not allowed to request for any monetary or in-kind benefit from applicants. SHHK views this as an abuse of membership privileges which it does not tolerate. SHHK will not hesitate to take disciplinary action against members who seek payment or benefit in-kind in exchange for membership endorsement. Should you be aware of members who are seeking payment for endorsing membership applications, please let us know so that we can investigate further. Reports should be made to the Secretary General at 62228212 or secgen@shhk.com.sg. All reports will be treated with strictest confidentiality. Applicants are also advised against paying to secure sponsors. Please click [here](#) for the Statement issued by SHHK.

6. Are Permanent Residents eligible to apply?

Our membership is open to Singapore Citizens only.

7. Am I eligible to apply if only my mother is Hokkien?

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.

8. I lost my Singapore Birth Certificate. Are there any other documents I can show proof of my dialect group?

Birth certificate is a necessary document to support the application. You could apply for a certified birth extract from Immigrations & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (ICA).

9. I am a new Singapore Citizen and hence I am not in possession of Singapore Birth Certificate. How do I show proof of ancestral linkage?

Applicants are required to show proof of their ancestral linkage. Applicants may be required to produce original documents for sighting in the application process. Supporting documents may include, but not limited to:

- a. Birth Certificate of Applicant
- b. Birth Certificate of Applicant's Father
- c. Singapore Birth Certificate of Applicant's Child
- d. Original copy of "Household Register" (户口本)
- e. Any official document(s) which indicate(s) that your dialect group (籍贯) is Hokkien.

10. After submitting my application form, how will I know if my application has been approved?

We will inform you officially via your contact details provided upon approval by the Executive Council, who shall have the right to reject any application for membership without providing any reason.

11. What can I look forward to as a member?

As a member, you will be informed of activities organized 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 may check with SHHK subsidiaries for membership benefits, if applicable, during registration for courses organized by the subsidiaries.

12. Does a member enjoy any privileges in Phase 2B Primary School Registration at the Association's affiliated schools?

Membership and school registration are two separate matters. For details on Phase 2B Registration, please refer to [FAQ for Phase 2B Registration](#).

13. How do I keep the Association updated on any changes in my particulars?

You may notify us in writing (mail, email or fax) of any changes in your particulars promptly as Membership Approval Letters, invoices for subscription fee and newsletters are sent to your mailing address. Please also include your identification details i.e. your full name, NRIC number and contact for verification purposes.

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

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.

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

Your application fees will be refunded in full without interest.