

Air Force Association of Canada Annual Membership Fees

For Renewing and Newly-enrolled Wing Regular Members, for Associate Members and for MAL Transferees (Effective with the membership year beginning 01 July 2013)

A "member" is someone who voluntarily chooses to participate in shaping the affairs of the association. Payment of annual fees signals the member's desire to so participate, and leads to a contract between member and his or her association, in exchange for programs, products and services offered by the association. Currently, there are three categories of membership in the Air Force Association of Canada: Regular, Associate, and Honorary. Members who are affiliated with Wings are part of the "Regular" member category. Members-at-Large (MAL) are also "Regular" members. Life membership is not the same as life-time membership. Life membership may be granted to a member from any of the three categories, as a reward. In time all "Life" members will be converted to "Honorary (Life)" members. Life-time membership may be purchased by the member to save money; a "Life-time Member" fee schedule is found below.

RENEWING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AFFILIATED WITH A WING or Members-at-Large (Regular):

Membership Period Covered	Wing Fee	Renewal Single Member (Remit to National HQ)	Renewal Dual* Members (Remit to National HQ)	Remarks
01 July 2013 to 30 June 2014	Set and Retained by the Wing	\$49.00	\$73.00	Wing membership year is 01 July to 30 June inclusive
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NEWLY ENROLLED ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AFFILIATED WITH A WING or Members-at-Large (Regular):

Membership Period Covered	Wing Fee	New Single Member (Remit to National HQ)	New Dual* Members (Remit to National HQ)	Remarks
01 July 2013 to 30 June 2014	Set and Retained by the Wing	\$49.00	\$73.00	2 Years \$98; 3 years \$137 Add \$24 per year for Dual
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*"Dual" is a term applied to the second Regular member co-habiting with another (Regular) member, indicating there is no need to pay for or receive two magazines at the same household. In 1992 members of the association set the (second) "Dual" member rate equal to the cost of the first member less the cost of the magazine. Currently, a membership costs \$49 and the magazine costs approximately \$25 (subject to change at any time), meaning the cost of membership for a Dual member is $\$49 - \$25 = \$24$. A "Dual" member is categorized as a "Regular" member, for the purposes of governance.

PRO-RATING (APPORTIONING) WING (Regular) MEMBERSHIP FEES

Should a new member join the Wing sometime after the beginning of the fiscal year (01 July), the annual association membership fee owed should be pro-rated commensurate with the number of months remaining in the current fiscal year (01 July to 30 June). The per-month fee equals $\$49 \div 12 = \4.08 . Round this number to \$4.00 and multiply it by the number of months remaining, to determine the annual dues owed by the new member. For example, if the member joins in October, there are eight (8) months remaining (not including October). Therefore, the fee will be \$32. The minimum fee payable, regardless of the time of year the member joins, will be \$25. The "Dual" rate of \$24 is not to be pro-rated.

Pro-rating (Apportioning) Membership Fee Schedule (Example)												
Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Fee	\$49	\$45	\$41	\$37	\$33	\$29	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25

LATE FEE PAYMENT

In the event a renewing member is late renewing her or his membership, a late fee payment of \$5 should be added to the annual association membership dues owed. The reason for a late fee payment has to do with cash flow. In the event a significant portion of Wing members were late renewing their membership the association may not be able to meet expenses. A late fee payment is thus an incentive to help ensure the association can meet financial obligations through the summer period. Support of the Wing membership Chairperson is critical to our financial viability.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE TRANSFERRING TO A WING:

Association membership annual dues paid by Single or dual Members-at-Large (MAL) transferring to a Wing should be applied in whole or in part against similar annual association dues the Wing would normally assess the individual transferring to the Wing. A balance may be owed by transferring members if their expiry date falls before the end of June of the current year. Members transferring from MAL to a Wing should be aware that additional Wing dues may be assessed, depending on the Wing to which they are transferring. It is important to understand that a "Wing" is a separate and distinct "social club" that may be incorporated unto itself, and thus may require the assessment of its own membership fee. Industry Canada and our constitution prohibit the association from having any interest in or liability for the assets of a Wing, and vice-versa. A small "Administrative-Support" fee may also be assessed, on a per-capita or per-Wing basis, to help promote and sustain important Group (regional) activities. The collection of Group fees is not currently sanctioned or controlled by the association, although the need for these fees is not disputed. All fee components, including the Group fee, are voluntary; members pay only those portions they voluntarily wish to pay. Membership is a privilege and a benefit, not an entitlement, and is bestowed in exchange not just for a fee but also for the member's declaration of support for the aims and objectives of the Air Force Association of Canada, and an expression of interest in shaping the affairs of the association. Choosing not to pay understandably may result in forfeiture of membership. If for any reason a member decides not to live up to these or any other obligations made clear to him or her, they should understand that they may be asked to resign their membership.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND *Airforce* MAGAZINE:

While "Associate" members are formally recognized as members of the association, they currently are not required to pay any association membership dues. This makes it very difficult to ascertain the extent to which they wish to participate in shaping the affairs of the association. Should an Associate member be interested in subscribing to the magazine, the annual (subscription) fee for Associate members is currently set at \$25. The Associate member fee cannot be pro-rated. This may be subject to change in part owing to the costs of postage, printing and publishing the magazine. Wing fees may be applied against the Associate member, but, again, these fees are voluntary. Choosing not to pay may result in forfeiture of membership.

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

A new on-line membership database is available. All members can pay their **association** dues on-line at reduced prices for early-birds. The on-line database can generate invoices automatically and can e-mail the invoices/receipts to the member (if the individual member's e-mail address is recorded on-line), thus completely eliminating the need for postage and mailing costs at the Wing level. Once paid the on-line database then automatically generates a receipt and sends that receipt to the association and to the individual member via e-mail. Presentation to the Wing of this receipt shall be viewed as proof of payment, at the Wing level. The payment of Group and Wing fees will not be incorporated into the on-line payment process until such time as the Groups and Wings approve of such a practice. Members who wish to pay on-line will need to submit their e-mail address to gain access to the "Members-Only" portal on the airforce.ca web-site.

TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE PURPOSE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act prohibits the transfer of memberships to other persons for any reason. Memberships can only be transferred back to the corporation. It is precisely because a membership fee is undertaken by someone who desires to participate in shaping the affairs of the association that the membership cannot be transferred to another person who has not made a similar expression of interest supported by payment of a membership fee. Should a surviving spouse who has not previously been a Dual member wish to become a member they should be encouraged to join the association. However, in most instances the surviving spouse will be comfortable with joining the Wing rather than the association. This is a policy and process of primary concern to the Wing.

LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP

Individuals can purchase a lifetime membership for the amounts shown:

- For prospective members between 40 and 55 years old, cost of a "Lifetime" Membership would be \$725;
- For prospective members between 56 and 65 years old, cost of a "Lifetime" Membership would be \$575;
- For prospective members between 66 and 75 years old, cost of a "Lifetime" Membership would be \$425;
- For prospective members 76 and 80 years old, cost of a "Lifetime" Membership would be \$295; and
- For prospective members 81 years old and older, cost of a "Lifetime" Membership would be \$195;
- Dual "Lifetime" memberships would be offered at the following rates, respectively:
 - \$515; \$425; \$315; \$185; and \$100;

Reimbursement of membership fees is governed by the constitution and by-laws of the association. Each request for reimbursement will be considered on a case-by-case basis, but a member's decision to withdraw can be considered a forfeiture of fees submitted. No portion of a current year's fee can be reimbursed, after the national executive council and/or delegates at the meeting of the association have approved the budget.