



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

## Personal Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Mailing Address:	
City:	Province:
Country:	Postal Code:
Phone (Home):	Email (Primary):
Phone (Work):	Email (Alternate):
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant the CAA permission to communicate with me directly via email.	
Organization (Associate Membership):	
Employer* (optional):	Job Title (optional):

*\* Professional, Active and Affiliate Memberships only*

## Membership Category (please select one)

Membership Category		Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Active	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affiliate	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate (<10 FTE* avalanche related employees)	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate (10-20 FTE* avalanche related employees)	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate (>20 FTE* avalanche related employees)	\$500
<i>* 1 FTE = 262 working days. To calculate the number of FTE's in your organization add the total number working days of each avalanche worker and divide by 262.</i>		

## Application Fee

A one-time \$20 non-refundable application fee is required to process applications.

Credit Card Number:	Expiry:
Name on Card:	
Authorized Signature:	

## Membership Application and Approval Process

Please read the requirements for membership and the organizational and legal details of this society carefully. In addition, please follow the steps below to ensure that your application is processed as quickly as possible.

1. Complete this application form, including the payment information for the application fee.
2. Compile a personal resume (Professional, Active & Affiliate) or information brief on your organization (Associate). Include letters of reference from CAA Professional Members in good standing; Active Members require 1 reference letter, Professional Members require 2.
3. Mail or fax directly to:  
CAA Membership Committee  
Canadian Avalanche Association  
PO Box 2759, Revelstoke, BC VOE 2S0  
Phone: (250) 837-2435 Fax: (250) 837-4624
4. Upon receipt you will receive an email from the CAA thanking you for your application. The email will state that you either appear to have satisfied all of the Membership requirements, or that additional information or clarification is required. Following reference checks, the application will be forwarded to the Membership Committee for final approval.
5. Following approval, an acceptance package and request for your Membership Dues will be mailed to you.

## CAA Membership

The Canadian Avalanche Association is a non-profit Society registered in Alberta (Alberta address: P.O. Box 5000, Banff AB T1L 1J7) and British Columbia. It is an independent and technical organization committed to promoting the highest standards of avalanche safety in the mountain environment. It represents, through scientific, education and explosives Committees, the interest of its Members to various regulatory agencies. The Canadian Avalanche Association is also a registered vocational training school in BC and Alberta through its Industry Training Program.

The Constitution of the Canadian Avalanche Association describes the purposes of the Society as follows:

- a) To represent persons who are professionally engaged in avalanche work in Canada.
- b) To establish and maintain high standards of professional competence and ethics for persons engaged in avalanche safety programs.
- c) To exchange technical information and to maintain communications between persons in avalanche safety programs.
- d) To establish and maintain standards of education in avalanche safety.
- e) To organize training courses in all aspects of avalanche hazard control for Professionals.
- f) To promote and act as a resource base for public awareness programs about avalanche hazards and safety measures.
- g) To promote research and development in avalanche safety.

## Membership Categories

### *Professional:*

The qualifications are stated in By-Law 12:

A person is eligible to be a Practising Professional Member if;

- a) The person successfully completed Canadian Avalanche Association Industry Training Program Avalanche Operations Level 2 or equivalent technical training, or;

- b) The person successfully completed academic studies acceptable to the Director, Membership Committee at a recognized post secondary institution, and;
- c) During four (4) of the previous six (6) winters, the person was engaged full-time in avalanche related activities, at least two of which were in Canada , or was the direct supervisor of one or more persons engaged in such activities and was involved in making decisions that affected the safety of persons and property with regard to avalanches and avalanche conditions.

Professional Members must abide by the “Code of Ethics”. Application for Professional Membership requires a detailed personal resume which includes number of seasons/days spent working, what you were doing while professionally engaged in avalanche related work, and the name of your reference(s).

***Active:***

The qualifications are stated in By-Law 20:

A person is eligible to be an Active Member if;

- a) The person successfully completed Canadian Avalanche Association Industry Training Program Level 1 or equivalent technical training, or;
- b) The person successfully completed academic studies acceptable to the Director, Membership Committee at a recognized post secondary institution, and;
- c) During two (2) of the previous four (4) winters, the person was engaged in avalanche related activities in Canada, or was the direct supervisor of one or more persons engaged in such activities and was involved in making decisions that affected the safety of persons and property with regard to avalanches and avalanche conditions.

Active Members must abide by the “Code of Ethics”. Application for Active Membership requires a detailed personal resume which includes number of seasons/days spent working, what you were doing while engaged in avalanche related work, and the name of your reference(s).

***Affiliate:***

An individual engaged in avalanche related activities on a regular or part-time basis or involved in avalanche studies, research or related work and who has a minimum of a CAA Avalanche Operations Level 1 training or equivalent, shall be eligible for Affiliate Membership.

***Associate:***

Open to any group, club, organization or agency that is in some way involved in the avalanche community. Associate Members elect a representative to sit on the Board of Directors. Two Members of the Associate group can attend the annual meetings of the CAA but not vote. All other benefits are the same. Associate Members are listed on our Member’s list and may also appear in the annual Rescue Resource list

***The Canadian Avalanche Association encourages you to join our organization and contribute to the avalanche community in Canada and abroad.***

Upon acceptance new members will receive an invoice for their membership dues, the Constitution, current By-laws, Code of Ethics, Directors List, Canadian Avalanche Association crest and will receive the current edition of the quarterly publication of the CAA, the Avalanche News.



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