



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 and Affiliate Memberships only

Membership Category (please select one)

	Membership Category	Annual Dues
<input type="radio"/>	Professional	\$200
<input type="radio"/>	Affiliate	\$100
<input type="radio"/>	Associate (<10 FTE* avalanche related employees)	\$200
<input type="radio"/>	Associate (10-20 FTE* avalanche related employees)	\$350
<input type="radio"/>	Associate (>20 FTE* avalanche related employees)	\$500
<small>* 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.</small>		

Application Fee

A one-time \$20 non-refundable application fee is required to process new member 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 & Affiliate) or information brief on your organization (Associate). For Professional Members please detail your Professional Avalanche Experience and include a minimum of 2 letters of recommendation from Professional Members in good standing. See membership information and attached continuing professional development information at the end of this document.
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 9:

- 9(a) "A person is eligible for Professional Membership if they possess a minimum of a CAA Level 2 or equivalent training and if, during the previous two (2) winters in Canada and during four (4) of the previous six (6) winters, the person was employed full-time either in an avalanche related activity, or as a supervisor of field operations for an avalanche safety program."

9(b) The application for Professional Membership is to be accompanied by two letters of reference from Professional Members (in good standing), of the CAA recommending the applicant.

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).

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. Available to Professional Members who no longer work actively in the avalanche business but wish to remain involved in the Society.

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.



The Canadian Avalanche Association is Canada’s national organization promoting avalanche safety and is dedicated to bringing the avalanche community together to develop knowledge and understanding of avalanches, facilitate communication, promote professionalism, and provide quality avalanche education.

The CAA is a not-for-profit society incorporated in British Columbia in 1981, and Alberta in 1983. We currently have more than 750 members across Canada.