



APMA Membership Restructure Pilot Program

Timing: to launch in accordance with APMA’s 25-26 FY which runs June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026.

Revised APMA Member Categories & Dues Rates:

Old Category	New Category	APMA Dues	TPMA Dues	Total APMA & TPMA Dues
Student	Student	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Resident	Resident	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellow	Fellow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A1	First-year Podiatrist	\$0.00	\$332.00	\$332.00
A2	Early-Career Podiatrist	\$460.00	\$437.00	\$897.00
A3	Early-Career Podiatrist	\$460.00	\$590.00	\$1,050.00
A4	Early-Career Podiatrist	\$460.00	\$690.00	\$1,150.00
AC	Active Podiatrist	\$925.00	\$800.00	\$1,725.00
Faculty	Faculty	\$460.00	\$453.00	\$913.00
Senior Member	Part-time podiatrist (without age requirements and qualifications – anyone can join this category so long as they practice 20 hrs/week or less)	\$460.00	\$453.00	\$913.00
Non-Practicing Member, International Member, Other Medical Professional, and Affiliate Member	Friends of APMA	\$230.00	\$362.50	\$592.50
Life Member	Life Member (current LMs grandfathered and remain free)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

*Qualified discounts available for active duty military, 5.4, and permanently disabled members outlined below.

Category qualifications:

Student Member: A student enrolled in a CPME accredited college of podiatric medicine or a college that has gained candidate status recognition from CPME and who is a member in good standing of the American Podiatric Medical Students’ Association (APMSA) shall be eligible for membership.

Resident/Fellow/Post-graduate Member: A DPM who is serving as a resident, fellow, or full-time postgraduate student and who is a member in good standing of the available component aligned with the location or jurisdiction of the institutional sponsor of the postgraduate educational program. A DPM who, during the first year following graduation, has not entered into practice or been admitted to a residency program may be classified as a Postgraduate Member by APMA and the available component in which the member resides.

First-year podiatrist – Former first-year associate member (A1), first-year podiatrist members have been in practice for less than one year and receive complimentary APMA membership dues. Members in this category will be required to update their contact information with APMA, post-residency, before being placed in this complimentary category. APMA automatically upgrades member status to Early-Career Podiatrist for the following fiscal year.

Early-Career Podiatrist – Early-Career Podiatrist members encompass the former second-, third-, and fourth-year associate members (A2-A4). This category includes DPMs who have been in practice longer than one year, but no more than four years. Dues for this category are \$460. The member will stay in this category until they have completed four years of practice, at which time their APMA status will upgrade for the following fiscal year to an Active Podiatrist (AC) member.

Active Podiatrist - A DPM who has been in practice for 5+ years and actively practices more than 20 hours a week. Dues for this category are \$925, members remain in this category until it is self-reported by the member that their status has changed.

Federal Service Member – A DPM licensed to practice in a state, district, territory, or dependency of the United States whose principal (50 percent or greater) or sole employment in the field of podiatric medicine is in the Federal Services and who is a member in good standing of the Federal Services Podiatric Medical Association. Dues for this category are \$650, and there is an additional discount available for active Military

Faculty – A DPM who is primarily engaged in a teaching, administrative, or research position at a college of podiatric medicine, medical school, or academic health science center and who is a member of an available component, if eligible, may apply for faculty membership as determined by the available component.

Part-Time Podiatrist – A licensed DPM who is a member in good standing of this association and in good standing of an available component may apply for Part-Time Podiatrist membership if they are not actively engaged in practice for more than 20 hours per week. APMA and its component organizations may request supporting documentation as needed, at any time, to confirm that members in this category continue to meet the part-time status qualifications.

Friend of APMA – This category includes:

- DPMs practicing in any country other than the United States, who are graduates of an educational institution that at the time of graduation was accredited by CPME, and who are members of a recognized podiatric medical organization, where such exists in the country in which the individual practices, and wherein the individual is licensed or registered to practice (*former Affiliate member category*)
- A DPM who is no longer engaged in practice or in the dispensing of podiatric medical services and who is a member in good standing of the available component in which the member resides. Persons who are not directly engaged in the practice of podiatric medicine, but derive income due to their medical knowledge, education, or licensure and/or are gainfully employed in a field associated with the dispensing of podiatric medical services, may not be considered non-practicing for the purpose of this category. (This is not limited to, but includes practice consultant, practice management, product consultation or sales, medical or insurance review services, lecturing, or any employment which is determined as a result of podiatric medical education or licensure.) Although the DPM is not required to maintain a license, to qualify for this category the DPM's license shall not have been suspended or revoked (*former Non-practicing member category*)
- An appropriately credentialed health-care practitioner who devotes a substantial portion of practice to the medical and/or surgical care of the foot and/or ankle, who does not practice in the United States, and who does not hold the degree of DPM (*former International member category*)
- A licensed MD, DO, or appropriately credentialed professional who has a special interest in the field of podiatric medicine and surgery (*former Other Medical Professional member category*)

Life Member – A DPM member in good standing of this association and in good standing of an available component may apply for classification as a Life Member as defined by APMA bylaws. There is an annual \$100 administrative fee charged to members in this category. Any Life Members in this category prior to June 1, 2025, shall not be affected by this change.

Available Discounts:

Active Military Discount – A DPM serving in the uniformed military services shall pay 14% of Active Podiatrist member dues.

5.4 Status – A member in good standing, for whom payment of dues and/or special purpose assessments would constitute a hardship. The following circumstances may be considered when determining a member’s qualification for hardship status: physical disability, illness, or other reasons, provided the reasons are investigated and set forth by the member’s component and provided the member is excused from payment by that component.

This discount allows the member to be excused from payment of both component and national dues (all or a portion), for the current fiscal year. An inactive member cannot receive a 5.4 discount to be reinstated and this discount is not permanent. It needs to be approved by the component annually. Typically, the component requires the member to submit a 5.4 discount application (or other documentation required by the component) each fiscal year. The component is responsible for having all 5.4 discount requests approved through its established procedures, as well as determining the percentage of dues (state and national) to be discharged. 5.4 discounts cannot be backdated; they can only apply to the current fiscal year.

It is up to each component to establish its own policies and procedures regarding the initial and any subsequent renewals of the 5.4 discount. Some components require the DPM to submit a copy of the most recent tax return to prove the financial hardship. Some require volunteer participation of some level during the time that 5.4 discount is approved.

Permanently Disabled – A DPM who is permanently disabled, **AND** for whom the payment of dues would constitute a hardship. “Permanently disabled” shall mean **total** disability that continuously prevents the member from carrying out substantial and material professional duties. Such members must be under the regular care of a physician, other than himself, and may not derive any income or profit from any activity as a DPM. The permanently disabled discount will be revoked if the member’s disability has terminated and he or she is able to resume his/her activities as a DPM. Because a DPM’s level of disability can change, this discount is to be reviewed and re-approved annually by the component. Re-approval can be done by requiring the DPM to submit documentation required by the component each fiscal year. If the component is aware that the DPM is still disabled, sending an approval e-mail to APMA will suffice. A 96% discount is applied for Permanently Disabled members.

Duration of Pilot:

Proposed duration: three years (June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2028). Categories, pricing, and qualifications subject to change as needed based on member and component feedback.