



## Macedonian Association of Sommeliers

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### MEMBERSHIP

#### Article 11

The member of MASOM may be a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia and/or a foreigner. The members approach MASOM by giving a written statement. The membership in MASOM is established by membership application form, i.e. by issuing a membership booklet, which, at the expulsion or termination of membership in MASOM, must be returned by signing a personal written statement. MASOM's Assembly, by voting, decides on the admission of new members or for switching members from one type of membership into another, including the full membership. Each member candidate is initially accepted as MASOM cadet member, where he/she should be a member for at least two years, during which period he/she should help the work of the Association and show activities that will fulfill one of the conditions to apply for a full member.

MASOM, for its members, maintains a membership register updated annually. The data from the register is protected in accordance with the regulations for protection of personal data and classified data.

Membership in MASOM is voluntary, and this article regulates the membership levels that may be:

##### 11.1 MASOM full member

Full member of the Macedonian Association of Sommeliers MASOM can be every adult having two years of experience as MASOM cadet member, during which period contributed to the work of the Association and possesses internationally recognized certificate(s) for sommelier on the basis of passed advanced training and/or certificate for completed sommelier training issued by MASOM.

The Association for Internationally Recognized Certificates accepts the following types of certificates:

- Certificate issued by IMW (Institute of Master of Wines) for level - Master of Wine
- Certificate issued by WSET (Wine and Spirits Education Trust) Award in Wine and Spirits Level 3, Diploma, Honored Diploma or AIWS (Associated to Institute of Wine and Spirits).
- Certificate issued by CMS (Court of Master Sommeliers) for level Certified Sommelier
- Certificate issued by SWE (Society of Wine Educators) for level Certified Wine Educator
- Certificate issued by ASI (Association de la Sommellerie Internationale) for level Certified Sommelier and higher level
- Certificate issued by WSA (Worldwide Sommelier Association) for level Certified Sommelier and higher level



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*Note: Certificates can also be issued by the affiliated offices of above mentioned schools and organizations around the world*

The full member can elect or be elected by the bodies of MASOM DEKANter Skopje with 2/3 majority of the professional sommeliers described in the Resolution of the OIV - OIV-ECO 474-2014.

### **11.2 MASOM cadet member**

MASOM Cadet member of the Macedonian Association of Sommeliers MASOM can be every adult, regardless its professional skills. People who become members of the association automatically gain the status of "Cadet member" and are not required to previously possess any certificates from the above mentioned referring to a "full member".

MASOM Cadet members help the association spreading the wine culture through their personal behavior and their promotional activities managed by the association. Cadet member can not elect and be elected in the management bodies of the association until it acquires the status of a full member for which should possess certificate from one of the above mentioned institutions, including the training for sommelier from the association.

### **11.3 MASON honorary member**

Honorary member of MASOM may become each member on basis of written proposal given by each full member. Honorary members can be persons who, with their honorary membership, will help much and raise the affirmation of MASOM. They are usually persons having great influence in society, wine authorities and similar. MASOM honorary members can not elect or be elected in the bodies of MASOM.

### **11.4 Additional requirements for MASOM membership**

In order to preserve the reputation of the members of MASOM as well as the Association itself, in addition to the above conditions for membership described in 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3, the Assembly, as a body that approves membership in the respective groups of members, it is allowed to retain the right to reject the membership application of each new member or to reject its application for switching from one type to the next type of membership without commitment to give any explanation for such a decision.