



By Law 4: Membership Classes

Membership and Subscriptions Rule 4A (4) Definitions of Membership Classes

This By law is intended to clarify the different classes of membership which the Society may offer from time to time. It is understood that not all classes may be offered immediately and a gradual introduction of the options to the general public will occur as resources allow. This includes necessary adjustments to software used in the member register and using up the existing stocks of printed material etc.

Ordinary Membership

The term *ordinary membership* is a standard and well understood term used where a member is a single natural person to whom no concession or special privilege applies. Each Ordinary Member is entitled to one vote.

If an application is received with two persons' names (eg husband and wife) appearing on the form, it will be regarded as one membership and only entitled to one vote.

Fees are set for this class and all other fees are set by relationship to this fee.

Concession Membership

This class of membership is for those who seek reduction in fees payable because of reduced circumstances eg pension, student welfare or other government benefit card. Each concessional member is entitled to one vote and the fee will be set at 50% of the ordinary fee.

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Unfinancial Membership

This class of membership is granted for one year only with a new application required each year for consideration of extension beyond the first year. If a member finds themselves in financial hardship, application may be made to the Society for consideration to allow continued receipt of journal and member discounts. This may be a waiving of the yearly fee or a significant reduction in the amount. Unfinancial memberships have no voting entitlement.

Honorary Life Membership

Once awarded, this entitles the member to receive all entitlements of an ordinary member.

Paid Life Membership

This class of membership is for those who wish to pay a once off fee of 20 times the ordinary membership fee. Payment of this fee will entitle the member to receive member discounts and Journals for their natural lifetime. This is also regarded as one membership with one entitlement to vote.

Health Practitioner Membership

Members of the health services may wish to become members to ensure familiarity with current trends. However they may wish to be specifically identified as a professional membership so that they can be identified appropriately for activities designed specifically for them. This is also regarded as one membership with one entitlement to vote.

Corporate Membership

Commercial organisations which may wish to receive multiple copies of our Journal and member discounts may apply for Corporate membership. Payment of a fee 5 times the ordinary fee will entitle the corporation to up to three copies of each journal and nominating three people to attend functions at member discounted prices. This is open to negotiation for increased requirements. This is also regarded as one membership with one entitlement to vote.

Reciprocal Membership

Similar organisations who are unable to afford memberships of multiple organisations who wish to share their journals with us in return for receiving our journal may apply for a reciprocal membership. The fee for this is Nil and the only entitlement is to receive our journal.

Associations Membership

Other not for profit services such as Community information services, Community Health Centres and counselling centres etc that wish to receive our journal may apply for an *Associations Membership*. This entitles them to receive our journal and the fee will be set at 50% of the ordinary fee. They do not have voting rights.

CLASS	Fee	Voting Rights	Member Discounts	Emerge Entitlement
Ordinary Membership	\$40 (currently)	1	1	1
Concession Membership	50%	1	1	1
Unfinancial Membership	Nil	Nil	1	1
Honorary Life Membership	Nil	1	1	1
Paid Life Membership	20 times ordinary fee - one off payment	1	1	1
Corporate Membership	5 times ordinary fee - yearly	1	3	3
Health Practitioner membership	Same as ordinary fee	1	1	1
Reciprocal Membership	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Associations Membership	50%	Nil	Nil	1

Fee

The amount payable each year unless otherwise stated

Voting Rights

The number of votes each class is entitled to at elections and AGMs

Member Discounts

These are reduced rates which members of the Society are entitled to as a result of being a member. (eg: Discounts on items for sale such as books and Christmas cards and entry to Society seminars etc)

Emerge Entitlement

The number of copies of each issue of Emerge, which each class is entitled to receive.