

DIVISION 1 – MEMBERSHIP

4. Eligibility for membership

- (1) Any person who supports the objects or purposes of the Association is eligible to apply to become a member.
- (2) An individual who has not reached the age of 15 years is not eligible to apply for a class of membership that confers full voting rights.

Guidance note – eligibility for membership

- The by-laws may require members to hold specified educational, trade or professional qualifications.
- The association must comply with all legal and regulatory obligations that may apply to the association under any other law when assessing eligibility of an applicant for membership.

5. Applying for membership

- (1) A person who wants to become a member must apply in writing to the Association.
- (2) The application must be signed by the applicant.

6. Dealing with membership applications

- (1) The committee must consider each application for membership of the Association and must decide to accept all applications.
- (2) Subject to subrule (3), the committee must consider applications in the order in which they are received by the Association.
- (3) The committee may delay its consideration of an application if the committee considers that any matter relating to the application needs to be clarified by the applicant or that the applicant needs to provide further information in support of the application.
- (4) The committee must accept an application when the applicant —
 - (a) is eligible under rule 4; and
 - (b) has applied under rule 5.
- (5) The committee must notify the applicant of the committee's decision to accept the application as soon as practicable after making the decision.
- (6) The committee may reject an application for membership only for the reasons specified by the ATO. For example – non-acceptance of an application due to gender, indigenous heritage status (or both) and maximum number of members already reached by the Association. If the committee rejects the application, the committee is not required to give the applicant its reasons for doing so.

7. Becoming a member

An applicant for membership of the Association becomes a member when —

- (a) the committee accepts the application; and
- (b) the applicant pays any membership fees payable to the Association under rule 12.