



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

COUNCIL OF ABORIGINAL SERVICES WESTERN AUSTRALIA (CASWA)

INFORMATION SHEET

1.0. ABOUT THIS INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet is to provide ACCOs with more information about the Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia (CASWA) membership application process. It does not form part of the CASWA Constitution and it is recommended that you still read the Constitution before making a final decision.

Refer to our flow chart to assist you to determine which membership is appropriate for you.

2.0. DEFINITIONS

Definitions in the CASWA Constitution will be applied when determining eligibility for membership.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROL

Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisation or ACCO means an organisation that is an “Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisation” within the meaning of clause 44 of the National Agreement, being (as at the date of the adoption of the CASWA Constitution) an organisation that delivers services, including land and resource management, that builds the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people and is:

- (a) incorporated under relevant legislation and not-for-profit;
- (b) controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
- (c) connected to the community, or communities, in which they deliver the services; and
- (d) governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body.

ORDINARY MEMBER

Ordinary Member means an ACCO who is admitted as a Member in accordance with article 4.3. Refer to page 43 – Schedule 3.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Associate Member means an Associate Organisation who is admitted as a Member in accordance with article 4.3. Refer to page 43 – Schedule 3.

3.0. ABOUT CASWA MEMBERSHIP

Organisations may either be Ordinary members or Associate members. The provisions for how an organisation may become a Member are contained in section 4 of the CASWA Constitution.

4.0. MEMBERSHIP

The Members of the company are:

- Organisations who have submitted a Membership Application, and Directors have accepted their application;
- Organisations who have been placed in the Members Register, and;
- A Founding Member who agreed in writing to the terms of the CASWA Constitution before the Company Registration application was lodged.

4.1 Becoming a Member

Except for a Founding Member, an organisation may only become a Member under this Part 4.

4.2 Application for Membership

- (a) An ACCO or an Associate Organisation may apply to become an Ordinary Member or an Associate Member respectively by submitting to the Secretary a valid Membership Application.
- (b) By completing a valid Membership Application, if accepted, the applicant agrees to be bound by this Constitution and any other rules, by-laws, policies or other standards prescribed by the Directors from time to time.

4.3 Admission as a Member

- (a) Subject to clause 4.3(b), the Directors must resolve whether to accept or reject each valid Membership Application for membership and, within a reasonable time, notify the applicant of their decision. The Directors are not required to give reasons for the rejection of an application for membership of the Company.
- (b) If the Directors are not certain that an applicant is an ACCO or an Associate Organisation, or that the application has been otherwise made in accordance with clause 4.2(a), the Directors must convene a general meeting of the Company at which the Members may, by way of special resolution, direct the Directors to accept the relevant application.
- (c) Except for the Founding Members, an organisation is admitted as a Member when the organisation's application is accepted by:
 - (i) a resolution of the Directors; or
 - (ii) a special resolution of the Members in accordance with article 4.3(b).

7.0. SCHEDULE 3 – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MEMBERSHIP CLASS	
ORDINARY MEMBER	ASSOCIATE MEMBER
<p>To be eligible to become an Ordinary Member, the applicant must meet the ACCO criteria as defined under Clause 44 in the National Agreement.</p> <p>‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community control is an act of self-determination. Under this Agreement, an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Organisation delivers services, including land and resource management, that builds the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people and is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Incorporated under State or Federal legislation and not for profit. b) Controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. c) Connected to the community, or communities, in which you deliver the services. d) Governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body.’ <p>Have a similar purpose to the CASWA charitable purpose.</p>	<p>To be eligible to become an Associate Member, the applicant must meet the criteria defined by the CASWA Directors.</p> <p>An organisation (other than an ACCO) that delivers services, including land and resource management, that builds the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people and is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) incorporated under relevant legislation; b) connected to the community, or communities, in which they deliver the services, and; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, or; ii. governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body. <p>For the avoidance of doubt, an “Associate Organisation” does not need to be a “not-for-profit” organisation.</p> <p>Have a similar purpose to the CASWA charitable purpose.</p>
MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS	
ORDINARY MEMBER	ASSOCIATE MEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive notices of, and to attend and be heard at, any general meeting of the company; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive notices of, and to attend and be heard at, any general meeting of the company, and;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inspect the Company’s accounting records and other documents in accordance with article 14. • vote on resolutions of Members in accordance with article 7.15; • propose a resolution to be considered at a general meeting in accordance with article 5.3; • convene a general meeting in accordance with article 5.3; • elect a Director to preside as chairperson of the Company in accordance with article 7.5, and; • nominate, approve, appoint or elect Directors in accordance with articles 8.3, 8.5 and 8.6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inspect the Company’s accounting records and other documents in accordance with article 14.
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