

**AUSTRALIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH INC.****BY-LAW 8****MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS****1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members of the Branch shall be classified as follows pursuant to Rule 7(1):

Those defined in Rule 7(1)

- (1) Ordinary Members,
- (2) Concessional Members,
- (3) Student Members,
- (4) Honorary Life Members,
- (5) Honorary Members,

Other classes of Members as the Branch Council has from time to time determined:

- (6) Leave of Absence
- (7) ADC Candidates

Other classes of Subscriptions as the Branch Council has from time to time determined:

- (8) Publications Only Subscription

**2. DEFINITIONS, BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES**

- (1) Financial Members

Financial Members are all Members other than Student Members, ADC Candidates, Honorary Members and Leave of Absence Members.

- (2) Ordinary Members

- (a) Ordinary Membership shall be available to;

- (i) Registered Dentists practising in the State who are practice owners;
- (ii) Registered Dentists who are contracted or employed at least 50 percent of their working hours in the private sector and who at the discretion of the Branch Council may be subject to an annual subscription less than that of the sub-class of Ordinary Membership pursuant to Clause 2(1)(a)(i);
- (iii) Registered Dentists who are employed at least 50 percent of their working hours by any branch of the Australian Defence Forces or by any Federal or State Government, University or other Government or Semi-Government instrumentality and who at the discretion of the Branch Council may be subject to an annual subscription less than that of the sub-class of Ordinary Membership pursuant to Clause 2(1)(a)(i);

(b) Benefits and Privileges

Subject to payment of the allocated annual subscription, and any outstanding fees or levies, as may from time to time be determined by the Branch Council. Ordinary Members shall enjoy the full benefits and privileges of the Branch.

(3) Concessional Members

(a) Concessional Membership shall be available to

- (i) Dentists who have retired from the practice of dentistry and whose income is in no way directly attributable to the practice of dentistry;
- (ii) Dentists who have attained the age of 70 years and have been an Ordinary Member for not less than 30 years;
- (iii) Dentists who are full time post-graduate or undergraduate students proceeding to a formal degree or qualification related to dentistry and who are also engaged in paid dental employment exceeding 385 hours in the next subscription year. This form of Concessional Membership shall be limited to a period not exceeding three (3) years;
- (iv) Dentists who will work less than 770 hours in the next subscription year, to be established annually on the basis of a personally signed declaration;
- (v) Dentists upon successful completion of their primary degree or ADC final examination, until the commencement of the next subscription year;
- (vi) Dentists who were eligible for Concessional Membership under 2(2)(a)(v) above, for the next complete subscription year;
- (vii) Dentists who were eligible for Concessional Membership under 2(2)(a)(vi) above, for the next complete subscription year.
- (viii) A dentist who has been for at least two months unemployed as a dentist and is seeking employment as a dentist in Australia.

(ix) A dentist who is on unpaid parental leave for a period of no more than one year.

(b) Benefits and Privileges

Subject to payment of any allocated annual subscription any outstanding fees or levies as may from time to time be determined by the Branch Council, for each sub-class of Concessional Membership, such Members shall enjoy the full benefits and privileges of the Branch.

(4) Student Members

(a) Student Membership shall be available to

(i) Dentist students in years other than the last year of a course, leading to a primary qualification to enable registration as a dentist conducted in any university in Victoria who comply with Rule 6(4);

(ii) Dentist students in the last year of a course, leading to a primary qualification to enable registration as a dentist conducted in any university in Victoria who comply with Rule 6(4);

(iii) Dentists who are full-time post-graduate or undergraduate students proceeding to a formal higher degree or qualification directly related to dentistry and who are not engaged in paid dental employment exceeding 385 hours in the next subscription year.

(b) Benefits and Privileges

Subject to payment of any allocated annual subscription Student Members shall enjoy the full benefits and privileges of the Branch except:

(i) The right to participate in the Indemnity Scheme;

(ii) The right to vote at any election or upon any motion proposed to any Meeting of Members of the Branch;

(iii) The right to speak for or against any motion before a Meeting of Members of the Branch (except with the express permission of the chairman of that Meeting);

(c) Election of Members

(i) Student Membership applications shall be automatically accepted.

(5) Honorary Life Members

(a) Honorary Life Membership shall be available to those Members elected as Honorary Life Members pursuant to Rule 17.

## (b) Benefits and Privileges

Benefits and privileges shall be accorded to Honorary Life Members pursuant to Rule 18.

## (6) Honorary Members

## (a) Honorary Membership shall be available to those elected or granted Honorary Membership pursuant to Rule 19.

## (b) Benefits and Privileges

## (c) Benefits and privileges shall be accorded to Honorary Members pursuant to Rule 20.

## (7) Leave of Absence

## (a) Leave of Absence shall be available to

Any Member who intends to leave or has left the State or who is unable to work because of illness and whose subscription for the current year has been paid may upon application in writing be transferred to the list of Members on Leave of Absence and thereupon be exempt from payment of further subscription until return to the State or work. However, such Leave of Absence shall be conditional on the Member being contactable at subscription renewal. This class of membership shall not apply to Members who reside ordinarily outside the State.

## (b) Benefits and Privileges

All benefits and privileges, other than select electronic communication, shall be withdrawn during the period of absence.

## (c) Reclassification

Returning to another classification of membership may be subject to Branch Council approval.

## (8) ADC Candidates

## (a) Australian Dental Council dentist candidates who comply with Rule 6(5).

## Election of Members

## (i) ADC Candidate Membership applications shall be automatically accepted.

## (b) Benefits and Privileges

Subject to payment of any allocated annual subscription ADC Candidate Members shall enjoy the full benefits and privileges of the Branch except:

## (i) The right to participate in the Indemnity Scheme;

- (ii) The right to vote at any election or upon any motion proposed to any Meeting of Members of the Branch;
- (iii) The right to speak for or against any motion before a Meeting of Members of the Branch (except with the express permission of the chairman of that Meeting);

(9) Publications Only

- (a) Publications Only membership shall be available to Members who have retired from the practice of dentistry.
- (b) Benefits and Privileges

Publications Only members shall be entitled to only receive select electronic communication and have complementary subscription.

### **3. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- (1) Subscription rates applicable to each membership category shall be set annually, in advance of the relevant membership year, by the Branch Council in accordance with Appendix 1.
- (2) Refunds of subscriptions shall not normally be available, provided always, that the Branch in consultation with the Association may exercise discretion. The refund may be in the form of cash or credit for future membership.

### **4. RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP**

- (1) Membership in the appropriate Class will be granted to a member of the Association who has relocated to Victoria. This may be subject to Branch Council approval. This shall include the recognition of Association and other Branch Honorary Life Membership.
- (2) Payment of annual subscriptions shall not be required until the next subscription year.
- (3) Benefits and Privileges shall be the same as for other members in the Class.
- (4) Reciprocal membership will apply PROVIDED the relocation exceeds three months.
- (5) Australian Dental Council candidates who are members of the Association and another ADA Branch may be granted reciprocal member benefits and rights, limited to:
  - (c) online access to member information resources
  - (d) online access to the Branch electronic newsletter
  - (e) access to the Branch Rooms and associated services.

**5. APPEALS AGAINST DENIAL OF MEMBERSHIP HEARD AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- (1) An appeal against denial of membership shall be decided by a poll that provides two alternative statements, rather than in the format of a resolution. The Poll Paper, attached as Appendix 2, should be used at any appeals against refusal of membership heard at General Meetings of the Branch.
- (2) Any appeals against denial of membership heard at General Meetings of the Branch be conducted in accordance with the following process:
  - (a) the appeal will be the first item of business on the agenda
  - (b) the appellant will be invited to attend the meeting
  - (c) the appellant may address the meeting, but shall not have anyone else speak on their behalf
  - (d) the Members will be given a chance to ask questions
  - (e) a poll will be conducted with the Immediate Past President as Returning Officer
  - (f) the results of the appeal will be given to the meeting.
- (3) The appellant should be asked to leave the meeting if the appeal is unsuccessful or admitted as a Member if the appeal is successful.

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Notes:

- (1) *Federal ADA and Branches agreed to mutually recognise Honorary Life Memberships.*
- (2) *In 2009 the Federal ADA and Branches agreed to have the same membership classes however this was not fully implemented*
- (3) *A past member of the Branch who remains a member of the Federal Association shall be entitled to receive ePublications*

**APPENDIX 1****ADAVB MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION CLASSES AND SUB-CLASSES RATES**

Where a subscription reduction applies as a percentage of the O1 rate, the percentage shall apply as a guide only to allow for rounding of cents and to allow the setting of an appropriate monthly instalment figure.

Class	Code	Sub-Class	Subscription as % of O1
Ordinary	O1	Practice Owner	100
	O2	Private	100
	O3	Employee Public	80
Concessional	C1	Retired	17
	C2	70/30 Years	17
	C3	Post-Graduate Student (employed)	40
	C4	<16 hours per week & <770 hours per year	40
	C5	Graduate	0
	C6	First Year	33
	C7	Second Year	66
	C8	Unemployed	17
	C9	Unpaid Parental Leave	0
Student	S1	Up to Final Year	0
	S2	Final Year	0
	S3	ADC Candidate	0
	S4	Post-Graduate Student (not employed)	0
Honorary Life	H1		0
Honorary	H2		0
Leave of Absence	L1		0
Publications Only	P1		0

**APPENDIX 2****POLL PAPER**

Tick one option only

I support (approve) the appeal  
by Dr \_\_\_\_\_ against the  
decision of Branch Council, not  
to elect them to membership  
of the ADAVB.

I do not support (approve)  
the appeal by Dr \_\_\_\_\_  
against the decision of Branch  
Council not to elect them to  
membership of the ADAVB.