



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH INC.

BY-LAW 7

AFFILIATION

1. ELIGIBILITY

Pursuant to Rule 95 of the Branch Constitution any association society or body of dentists established in the State of Victoria for a period of not less than three years may be affiliated with the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch Inc. subject to fulfilling the conditions of this By-Law and the approval of the Branch Council.

2. CATEGORIES

There shall be three categories for affiliation.

(1) Category A

An affiliated specialist society or body effectively representing an area recognised by the Association as a specialty of dentistry.

(2) Category B

An affiliated society or body shall be any other not-for-profit organisation comprising 10 or more members.

(3) Category C

An affiliated association, body or society shall be any medical organisation which has a direct connection to dentistry comprising 50 or more members.

3. CONDITIONS OF AFFILIATION

- (1) Any Victorian branch of a national association, society, or body of dentists whose national body has been affiliated with the Association shall be recognised as an affiliate of the Branch.

Any other association, society or body of dentists shall comply with the following conditions.

(2) Membership

(a) Category A and B

At least 80 percent of the members of the affiliated association, society or body must also be members of the Australian Dental Association Inc or the New Zealand Dental Association. Such affiliated association, society, or body may have as other classes of members:

- (i) Retired persons, previously but no longer members of the Australian Dental Association Inc or the New Zealand Dental Association or another recognised national dental association; and
 - (ii) Other persons allowed by the Branch Council at its sole discretion after formal application from the affiliated association, society, or body.
- (b) Category C
- At least 80 percent of the dentist members of these affiliated association, body or society must also be members of the ADA Inc or the New Zealand Dental Association.
- (c) For Category A and B association, body or society only ADA members may represent the affiliated association, society or body in dealings with the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch Inc. (or the Australian Dental Association Inc.)
- (d) For Category A and B association, body, or society in keeping with the normal principles of conduct at Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch Inc. meetings, an affiliated association, society, or body may not discuss Branch affairs in the presence of non-members of the Australian Dental Association Inc.

(3) Objects

An association, society, or body seeking affiliation must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Branch that it is an organisation with objects in keeping with those of the Branch and which are in accordance with Clause 5 (1) of this By-Law.

(4) Documentation

- (a) The constitution of the association, society, or body and a declaration that membership requirements in Clauses 2(a) or (b) above are being complied with shall be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer at the time of application for affiliation.
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer shall then refer the constitution of the association, society, or body to the Constitution and Policy Committee, which shall review the document for compliance with Rule 99 and this By-Law.
- (c) The Constitution and Policy Committee shall refer to a model constitution as approved by the Branch Council from time to time to assist in its determination regarding compliance.
- (d) The Constitution and Policy Committee shall recommend the affiliation or otherwise of the applicant association, society, or body to the Branch Council, and where appropriate, a copy of the constitution and membership list supplied by the applicant shall be presented to the Branch Council along with the Constitution and Policy Committee's recommendation.
- (e) The affiliated association society, or body shall notify the Chief Executive Officer within 60 days of any amendment to its constitution. Such amendment shall then be reviewed by the Constitution and Policy Committee of the Branch.

- (f) An annual declaration that membership requirements in Clauses 2(a) or (b) above are being complied with shall be lodged with Branch Chief Executive Officer.

4. LIABILITY

The Branch shall incur no financial or legal obligations to such body or association or to any member or constituent thereof.

5. CONFORMITY WITH BRANCH POLICY

- (1) The affiliated association, society, or body shall not embark on any activities the object of which is contrary to the policy and welfare of the Branch or the Association.
- (2) The affiliated association society or body shall not take any action or otherwise act in relation to any matter which is a matter primarily the concern of the Branch without obtaining prior approval in writing of consent of the Branch Council.

6. BRANCH COMMITMENTS

The Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch Inc is committed to providing benefits to affiliates of the Branch and the Association, including but not limited to the following.

- (1) Discounted advertising rates,
- (2) Access to Branch meeting facilities at no charge, subject to availability and excluding catering,
- (3) Co-badging of joint submissions where appropriate,
- (4) Co-badging of publications and/or project materials where appropriate,

7. TERMINATION OF AFFILIATION

An affiliated association, society or body shall cease to be an affiliated association, society, or body

- (1) on notice of intention to discontinue as an affiliated association, society, or body being given to the Secretary of the Branch; or
- (2) if it fails to comply with the conditions of affiliation in Clause 3 above: or
- (3) if all fees (if any) due from such affiliated association, society, or body to the Branch are not paid when due; or
- (4) if the Branch Council decides to discontinue the affiliation of such association, society, or body, in which case notice of discontinuance to take effect forthwith or at such time as the Branch Council may determine shall be given to the secretary or other proper officer of such affiliated association, society, or body, and the provisions of Rule 105 shall apply to all such notices.

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