

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) Active Members
- (2) Concessional Members
- (3) Student Members
- (4) Honorary Life Members
- (5) Honorary Members

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

- (6) Leave of Absence

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

- (7) Publications Only Subscription

2. DEFINITIONS, BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES

- (1) Active Members

- (a) Active Membership shall be available to

- (i) Registered Dentists practising in the State;
- (ii) Subject to the special approval of the Council, Registered Dentists practising outside the State;
- (iii) Registered Dentists practising either within or outside the State who are employed 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 Council may be subject to an annual subscription less than that of the sub-class of Active Membership pursuant to Clause 2(1)(a)(i);
- (iv) Members whose spouses are active Members pursuant to Clauses 2(1)(a)(i), 2(1)(a)(ii), and 2(1)(a)(iii) who, if they choose not to receive individual mail-outs, notices and the Newsletter, may at the discretion of the Council be subject to an annual subscription less than that of the sub-class of Active 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 Council. Active Members shall enjoy the full benefits and privileges of the Branch subject to Clause 2(1)(a)(iv).

(2) Concessional Members

(a) Concessional Membership shall be available to

- (i) Members who have retired from the practice of dentistry and whose income is in no way directly attributable to the practice of dentistry.
- (ii) Members who have attained the age of 70 years and have been an Active Member for not less than 30 years;
- (iii) Dentists who are full time 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) Members 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) Previous Student Members continuing in the Branch, or Dentists joining the Branch immediately upon successful completion of their primary degree, until the commencement of the first subscription year;
- (vi) Members having been granted Concessional Membership under 2(2)(a)(v) above, for the next complete subscription year;
- (vii) Members having been granted Concessional Membership under 2(1)(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.

(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 Council, for each sub-class of Concessional Membership, such Members shall enjoy the full benefits and privileges of the Branch.

(3) Student Members

(a) Student Membership shall be available to

- (i). Dental 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) Dental 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) Australian Dental Council candidates to comply with Rule 6(4).
- (iv) Dentists who are full-time graduate or undergraduate students proceeding to a formal higher degree or qualification 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 save for the following:

- (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);
- (iv) Those rights as determined from time to time by Council.

(4) 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.

(5) Honorary Members

(a) Honorary Membership shall be available to

Those elected or granted Honorary Membership pursuant to Rule 19.

(b) Benefits and Privileges

Benefits and privileges shall be accorded to Honorary Members pursuant to Rule 22.

(6) Leave Of Absence

(a) Leave of absence shall be available to

Any Member who intends to leave or has left the State or has taken maternity or paternity leave and is not working at all 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 by the Executive Committee or the Council 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. This class of membership shall not apply to Members who reside ordinarily outside the State.

(b) Benefits and Privileges

All benefits and privileges shall be withdrawn during the period of absence.

(c) Reclassification

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

(7) 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 ePublications 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 Branch Council in accordance with Appendix 1.
- (2) Refunds of subscriptions shall not normally be available, provided always, that Executive Committee in consultation with the Federal Executive 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, subject to Executive Committee or Branch Council approval,
- (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:
 - (a) online access to member information resources
 - (b) online access to the Branch electronic newsletter
 - (c) access to the Branch Reading Room and associated services.

5. APPEALS AGAINST DENIAL OF MEMBERSHIP HEARD AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) That an appeal against denial of membership 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 Honorary Secretary 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 Honorary Life Members if not Branch Honorary Life Members shall have their Branch subscription paid on their behalf by the Federal ADA.*
- (2) In 2009 the Federal ADA and Branches agreed to have the same membership classes*
- (3) A past member of the Branch who remains a member of the Association shall be entitled to receive ePublications*

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

Class	Code	Sub-Class	Subscription as % of A1
Active	A1	Private	100
	A2	Interstate	100
	A3	Government	90
	A4	Practising Spouse	65
Concessional	C1	Retired	17
	C2	70/30 Years	17
	C3	Graduate Student (employed)	40
	C4	<16 hours per week & <770 hours per year	40
	C5	Graduate	0
	C6	First Year	50
	C7	Second Year	75
	C8	Unemployed	17
Student	S1	Up to Final Year	0
	S2	Final Year	0
	S3	ADC Candidate	0
	S4	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 him to membership of the ADAVB.

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