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## Membership Application Form

1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

### Applicants Details :

Name/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address (if different from above) : \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ TTY ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Type being Applied for:

Members of ACARA may be individual, organizations, professionals, authors, schools, resource distribution companies or other affiliated organisations or individuals.

Memberships are valid for the relevant financial year. All Membership fees are GST inclusive. Please select the type of membership you desire (select one only)

#### Individual Membership

An Individual Member may be any person who qualifies, as per the definition specified within the 'Abbreviations and Definitions' section of ACARA's constitution, as a 'Signing Person'.

- Pensioner Discounted Member- **\$15.00** (please attach a photocopy of your pension card)
- Ordinary Individual Member - **\$25.00**

(Optional Question for research purposes)

**Which of the following do you identify with ?** (tick all appropriate)

- I am a parent/guardian of a Signing Child       Sign is my 2nd language       I teach Auslan
- I have Sign dependant Family       I work with Sign dependant People       I am Sign dependant

#### Affiliated Association Membership - **\$350.00** (Payment In-Kind may be accepted)

Affiliated Associations are defined as being :

- Any organization which has a vested interest in supporting their members and/or individuals who use AUSLAN as their main or second language.
- Any organization which provides a service to those individuals or organizations who use AUSLAN communication.
- Any organization which is a relevant service provider

#### Industry Membership - **\$500.00** (Payment In-Kind may be accepted)

Applications for accreditation will only be accepted by 'industry Members' of ACARA.

Industry Membership is only available to those individuals, organisations, associations or companies who are deemed to be commercially involved in the supply of either Sign Language Resources or Services in Australia.

**Payment Method :**

Please find attached cheque/money order, made out to ACARA Ltd, for \$\_\_\_\_\_ . 00  
or

Please debit my credit card with the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Bankcard/Visa/Mastercard

\_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

(Affiliated Association and Industry Members only)

Please review my application for discounted membership fees, or payment in-kind, as per

The Letter attached to this application.

Our previous written correspondence with \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify the ACARA representative you have been in contact with).

**Dependant Members**

We ask our members to declare those individuals who depend on the member for access to information or services associated with Signed based communication. These include:

- For Individual Members dependants include any children in your care
- For affiliated association and Industry members dependants are deemed to be any employee or members of your company/organisation who would otherwise qualify as 'signing people' for individual membership
- For schools and education services, as well as those dependants listed above, any student who will receive any Signed based educational services by your company/school/organisation is deemed to be a dependant member.

Members do not receive additional voting rights based on their dependants. They can, however, make nomination on behalf of their dependants, as deemed fit by the member.

Estimated number of dependants in 2006-07 \_\_\_\_\_

**Declarations**

I understand that, as ACARA is a companies limited by guarantee, members are liable as contributories on a winding up of the company and agree and understand that my liability will be limited to \$5, should such an event take place.

I understand that as a member I will be provided one (1) vote at all general meetings.

I understand that, wherever possible General meetings will be held online, so as to accommodate members nationally and that, in the event that I can not attend online meetings, I may vote by proxy at all General Meetings, subject to the rules and conditions stipulated within the ACARA constitution.

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**Signature, Date**

# About Membership with ACARA

(extract from the constitution of ACARA available at [www.acara.org.au](http://www.acara.org.au))

## Abbreviations and Definitions

For the purpose of this constitution the following assumptions and abbreviations have been adopted:

- 2.2 'Auslan Certification and Research Association Ltd' will be referred to as **ACARA**
- 2.3 'Australian Sign Language' will be referred to as **AUSLAN**. It may also be referred to as AUSLAN, or Auslan.
- 2.4 'British Sign Language' will be referred to as **BSL**
- 2.5 'American Sign Language' will be referred to as **ASL**
- 2.6 In all clauses of this constitution, the singular includes the plural and vice-versa, wherever applicable.
- 2.7 '**Signing people**' are defined as being any person who either uses sign language as their primary means of communication, as a second language, or who use sign language to communicate with an associated person on a regular basis for personal or professional purposes.
- 2.8 '**Sign Language Resources**' are defined as being any *product* (as defined with the Corporations Act and other relevant legislation), regardless of media, that contain images of, or reference to sign language, be it Australian Sign Language or otherwise.
- 2.9 '**Sign Language Services**' are defined as being any service, be it educational, advisory or otherwise in nature; regardless of media, that contain images, depiction or reference to sign language, be it Australian Sign Language or otherwise.

## Membership

Members of ACARA may be individual, organizations, professionals, authors, resource distribution companies or other affiliated organisations or individuals.

Memberships are valid for the relevant financial year and as per the 'Schedule of Membership Fees', which will be made public via the ACARA website.

- 9.1 Members must apply in writing to ACARA on prescribed forms of ACARA.
- 9.2 Membership will be available on a 12 monthly basis. If membership is applied for during the financial year, there is no reduction in the membership fee.
- 9.3 Members must be provided not less than one months notice, in writing, of the expiry of their membership.
- 9.4 Membership may only be rejected where the applicant does not comply with specific terms of membership defined below.
- 9.5 Membership does not commence until such time as any associated fees are received by the company and the application has been approved by the company.

- 9.5 Membership fees are only refundable where a membership application has been rejected.
- 9.6 Application for Membership is taken as acceptance of the members obligation under the corporations act, with reference to companies limited by guarantee, and as understanding that, as a member they are liable as contributories on a winding up of the company. Each member must agree to the \$5 amount of 'guarantee', within their written or electronic application form.
- 9.7 On application, or renewal of membership any member may apply for 'SPECIAL CONSIDERATION' in the form of either discounted membership fees, or to pay said fees 'in-kind'. Such applications must be approved by the Board of Directors.

### **9.7 Individual Membership**

- 9.7.1 An Individual Member may be any person who qualifies, as per the definition specified within the 'Abbreviations and Definitions' section of this constitution, as a 'Signing Person'.
- 9.7.2 Individual membership will be provided at an annual fee as per the 'Schedule of Membership fees' available for public examination on the ACARA website and subject to change by the Board of Directors.

### **9.8 Honorary Lifetime Membership**

- 9.8.1 Shall be provided to any person who has served as either a Director, or on the Auslan Accreditation or Research panels.
- 9.8.2 Honorary Membership does not incur any membership fee.
- 9.8.3 May be granted, via two third majority vote of the Board of Directors at a Directors meeting, to any individual or organisation deemed to :
- i) Have contributed greatly to ACARA's Aims and Objectives

### **9.10 Affiliated Association Membership**

Affiliated Associations are defined as being :

- Any organization which has a vested interest in supporting their members and/or individuals who use AUSLAN as their main or second language.
- Any organization which provides a service to those individuals or organizations who use AUSLAN communication.
- Any organization which is a relevant service provider

- 9.10.1 An Affiliated Association Member may be any association, company, or community organisation who qualifies, as per the definition above, as an 'Affiliated Association'.
- 9.10.2 Affiliated Association members must be provided at an annual fee as per the 'Schedule of Membership fees' available for public examination on the ACARA website and subject to change by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise agreed under section 9.10.1 or 9.10.2 of this constitution.
- 9.10.3 Must apply in writing, or via electronic form, to the Board of Directors, and provide all documentation requested by the Directors in order to sustain their Affiliated Association status.

An Affiliated Association may :

- 9.10.4 Apply for a reduced annual membership fee on the grounds of financial hardship. Such application must be in writing and approved by two third majority of the Board of Directors.
- 9.10.5 May make offer of payments in kind in lieu of annual membership fees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors by two third majority vote.

## **9.11 Industry Membership**

Industry Membership is only available to those individuals, organisations, associations or companies who are deemed to be commercially involved in the supply of either Sign Language Resources or Services in Australia.

- 9.11.1 An Industry Member may be any individual, association, company, or community organisation who qualifies, as per the definition above.
- 9.11.2 Industry members must be provided at an annual fee as per the 'Schedule of Membership fees' available for public examination on the ACARA website and subject to change by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise agreed under section 9.11.3 or 9.11.4 of this constitution.

Industry Members :

- 9.11.3 Must apply in writing, or via electronic form, to the Board of Directors, and provide all documentation requested by the Directors in order to sustain their industry status.
- 9.11.4 May be provided additional discount on charges associated with certification of their products and/or services, as deemed fit by

the Board of Directors.

9.11.5 Apply for a reduced annual membership fee on the grounds of financial hardship. Such application must be in writing and approved by two third majority of the Board of Directors.

9.11.6 May make offer of payments in kind in lieu of annual membership fees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors by two third majority vote.