



Membership Policy

1. Purpose

This policy/procedure has been developed to provide a framework for The Australian Fertiliser Services Association (AFSA) to manage its members.

2. Scope

This policy relates to all financial members of the AFSA, who shall be referred to as “members” throughout this policy

3. Policy

The policy of the AFSA is to ensure consistency and transparency are maintained for the benefit of members and the fertiliser services industry in Australia.

4. Categories of Membership

4.1 *AFSA ordinary membership*

- AFSA membership is available to individual businesses who handle fertiliser, lime, gypsum and compost.
- The membership fee includes the national and state branch fee plus a fee for each employee.
- This type of membership is available to any registered business (with its own ABN) that is a supplier of fertiliser etc, transport operator, spreading contractor or depot operator.

4.3 *AFSA corporate membership*

- This membership is available for corporate businesses who operate nationally.
- It is different to the ordinary membership as the fee is not calculated by the number of employees.
- This type of membership entitles a company to have representation in one or more states across Australia
- The membership fee includes a national fee plus one (or more if required) state fee
- This type of membership is available to fertiliser manufacturers, fertiliser importers, fertiliser equipment suppliers, lime & gypsum supplier, supplier of fertiliser etc, transport operator, spreading contractor or depot operator

4.3 *Life Membership*

- A life member is any natural person who is nominated by the Board and whose life membership is approved at an AGM of the Company.
- Nominations shall be submitted to the Board by a person nominating the proposed Life Member and a person who supports the nomination.

5. Procedure

5.1 *Membership right*

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Membership of the AFSA shall be open to all natural persons, partnerships and incorporations who have applied for membership and then have been approved by the Board

5.2 Application for Membership

As per rule 13.1 of AFSA Constitution

5.3 Membership Fee

5.3.1 The ordinary membership fee for AFSA members shall be \$548.50 per year (incl GST) plus \$29 per employee.

The ordinary membership fee is capped at \$780.50 per business

5.3.2 The corporate membership fee shall be \$548.50 (incl GST) per year for the head office, with required states being invoiced \$110 (incl GST) per year.

This membership is not capped.

5.3.3 A life member is not required to pay a membership fee

5.3.4 The membership fee is due and payable on 1st July each year, with pro-rata available for new members

5.3.5 As per rule 14 (fees and subscriptions) of the AFSA constitution

5.4 Register of Members

As per rule 13.6 of AFSA Constitution

5.5 Resignation of Membership

As per rule 13.5 of AFSA Constitution

5.6 Cessation of Membership

As per rule 13.2 and 13.3 of AFSA Constitution

6. Verification / Authorisation / Approved By

This policy was ratified by the Australian Fertiliser Services Association Board in February 2018 and is due for review in February or when setting fees each year