

Genealogical Society of Queensland

Membership Terms and Conditions

Current at 01 January 2018

A. SCOPE

The Constitution of the Society provides that:

- a) The number of Members which the Society proposes to be registered is unlimited. The Society must maintain a register of Members.
- b) Membership of the Society is open to any adult individual or organisation interested in promoting the Objects of the Society who or which:
 - (i) applies for membership (or in the case of an organisation applies through an authorised representative) in the form required by the Management Committee;
 - (ii) consents in writing, by agreeing to the Membership Terms and Conditions to abide by the rules of the Society; and
 - (iii) pays his or her subscription (and entrance fee if applicable).
- c) No Member of the Society shall use the fact of membership to imply competence or proficiency in genealogical or associated skills or to derive professional or financial advantage.
- d) The Management Committee may establish different classes of membership and prescribe their respective privileges and duties and set the amounts of any subscriptions. The procedure for applying to be a Member shall be determined by the Management Committee from time to time.
- e) Membership is terminated if the Member concerned:
 - (i) gives written notice of resignation to the Society;
 - (ii) dies or (in the case of an organisation) ceases to exist;
 - (iii) is thirty (30) days in arrears in paying the relevant subscription. In such a case the Member may be reinstated on payment of the amount due within the thirty days; or
 - (iv) is removed from membership by resolution of the Management Committee on the ground that in its reasonable opinion the Member's continued membership is harmful to the Society (but only after notifying the Member in writing and considering the matter in the light of any written representations which the Member concerned puts forward within 14 clear days after receiving notice).
- f) Membership of the Society is not transferable.

B. Classes of Membership

There are currently four classes of Membership:

- (a) Ordinary Members who may be:
 - a. Direct members (single or family)

- b. Branch members (single or family)
- c. Life members by payment of appropriate fee
- (b) Corporate Members
- (c) Honorary Life Members
- (d) Affiliate associations

In these rules:

- a) Branch means a branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland.
- b) A branch member is a member belonging to a branch of the Society.
- c) A direct member is a member of the Society who is not a member of a branch.
- d) A single member is an individual person who holds membership of the Society.
- e) A family membership means two members of an immediate family living at the same address.
- f) A corporate member means a company, incorporated as per the provisions of Queensland company legislation, and which is registered as a member of the Society.

Joining Fee, Subscription Rates and discounts (from 1 March 2017)

Joining Fee:

One off administration fee payable on first joining \$15.

Subscriptions:

Ordinary Member Single 1 year \$70	3 years \$180
Ordinary member Family 1 year \$120	3 years \$320
Corporate Members \$350	
Affiliate Members \$150	
Life Enduring \$1120	

C. Rules of Membership

Application:

Application is by completion of a form (accompanied by the relevant fees), available for submission via our web site. Submission of the form accompanied by the relevant fees can be online, by mail or in person.

Membership will commence from the date on the application form and renewal will be on that date each year.

Fees:

Payment is in Australian dollars or an Australian cheque; cash in person only, credit card (not AMEX or Diners), Australian debit card or Australian dollar international money order.

Renewal:

Renewal forms are available for completion on the GSQ web site. Membership number should be quoted in all remittances or alternatively quoting the reference provided at the the time of completing the online form.

Termination:

1. Any Member of the Society may at any time resign from the Society by giving a written notice to the Secretary. The resignation takes effect at:
 - a. the time the notice is received by the secretary; or
 - b. if a later time is stated in the notice—the later time.

- c. No refund is given, or part thereof, for membership fees.
2. If any Member is thirty days (30) in arrears in paying the relevant subscription, they will cease to be a Member. In such a case the Member may be reinstated on payment of the amount due and the re-joining fee. Membership will be backdated to the original renewal date.

(3) The management committee may terminate a member's membership if the member:

- a) is convicted of an indictable offence; or
- b) does not comply with any of the provisions of these rules; or
- c) has membership fees in arrears for more than thirty (30) days; or
- d) conducts himself or herself in a way considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the association.

(4) Before the management committee terminates a member's membership, the committee must give the member a full and fair opportunity to show why the membership should not be terminated.

(5) If, after considering all representations made by the member, the management committee decides to terminate the membership, the secretary of the committee must give the member a written notice of the decision.

Disputes between Members (for any reason, including the procurement of services)

The Society will not enter any involvement with personal disputes between Members unless it can be irrevocably proved that the dispute has caused harm to the Society itself.

Membership Cards:

Membership cards are emailed to members who have an email address or posted if the member does not have an email address.

Data Protection:

The member's surname and membership number only will be released to organisations we have an agreement with to offer discounted services. This will enable the third party to check you are a bona-fide member before giving discounted access to their services. No other information will be given (such as address, first name) to ensure third parties cannot personally identify our members. Members contact information will not be released to any third party, whether the person is a member themselves or not. Occasionally we may address and post a pre-paid open letter from another member who states they are trying to contact them to further their family history research.

Rates are correct at 01 January 2017 but may be subject to subsequent updates. This document is subject to updates by the GSQ Management Committee – the version with the most recent date will be deemed to be the one currently in force by the Society.