



**Scout Association of Australia
WA Branch**

**Adult Membership Definitions
Policy**

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1. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- define the adult membership categories of The Scout Association of Australia, Western Australian Branch (Scouts WA);
- detail which adult membership categories require compliance with the *Working With Children (Criminal Records Checking) Act 2004 (WA)* and for which of those categories the holding of a current WWCC Card is a mandatory requirement;
- detail the issuing of a Certificate of Adult Membership.

This policy applies to all adults applying to join Scouts WA.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Adult Membership Definition:

Adult membership of the WA Branch Council of the Scout Association of Australia, Western Australian Branch (Branch Council), which is an incorporated entity, is detailed in the *Rules of Association (Constitution)* of the Branch. There are a number of categories of persons holding membership of the Branch.

Adult Membership Criteria:

In addition to falling within one of the membership categories outlined in the *Rules of Association (Constitution)*, adults wishing to apply to become members of the Branch Council must submit the following:

- a) a completed membership application form indicating:
 - a commitment to the Scout Promise and the Aims and Principals of The Scout Association of Australia (Scouts Australia);
 - a commitment to abide by the *Policies and Rules* of Scouts Australia and Scouts WA;
 - acceptance of Scouts Australia *Code of Conduct for Adults*;
 - authorisation for Scouts WA to conduct a Volunteer National Police Check to its satisfaction;
 - compliance with the *Working With Children (Criminal Records Checking) Act 2004 (WA)*, including, when appropriate, possession of a current WWCC Card;
 - nomination of an appropriate adult membership category (as detailed below);
 - nominate two referees to be contacted by Scouts WA; and
 - a commitment to complete the appropriate *Introduction to Scouting* module and/or other such training as Scouts WA determines is necessary for that person to perform the role assigned by Scouts WA to the particular adult membership category selected.
- b) payment of the appropriate membership fee based on the nominated membership category.

Adult Membership Categories:

Adult membership of Scouts WA consists of persons aged 18 years or older in the following membership categories:

1. Adult Leader:

An adult, who is invested as a Scout, has made or reaffirms the Scout Promise and who is appointed by Scouts Australia or Scouts WA in a Uniformed Leadership role at Group, District, Branch or National level.

2. Rover:

A Rover aged between 18 and 26 years.

3. Adult Supporter:

An adult who accepts the commitment of the Scout Promise and who is appointed by Scouts Australia or Scouts WA in a non-uniform role in the education of young people or in the management of a Group, a District, the Branch or at the National level.

4. Office Bearer & Board Member:

An adult appointed by Scouts Australia or Scouts WA to a non-uniform Office Bearer or Board Member position at Group, District, Branch, or National level.

5. Scouting Fellowship:

An adult affiliated with a Fellowship attached to a formation within Scouts WA.

6. Life, Honorary Members & Additional Supporters:

An adult who is appointed in accordance with the *Branch Constitution and Regulations* to a Life Membership, Honorary Member or Additional Supporter role and who may still wear the uniform of their last appointment within Scouts WA.

Working with Children Check Card:

The Scout Association requires the following adult categories to gain and hold a current WWCC card:

Categories:

1, 2 & 3 - Holding a current WWCC Card is a mandatory requirement of Scouts WA. This requirement complies with relevant state legislation.

4, 5 & 6 - May require the holding of a current WWCC Card, subject to the role the adult may be required to perform.

Parent Helper:

A Parent Helper is someone who does NOT hold adult membership of Scouts WA, but who is a parent or guardian of a Youth Member of Scouts WA and as a volunteer, assists in the delivery or support of the Scout program, within a Group or Formation to which their child belongs.

Under the *Working With Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 (WA)*, a parent, as described in the Act, does not require a WWCC Card except when that parent attends any overnight Scouting activity involving youth members.

Acceptance of Membership:

The acceptance by Scouts WA of an individual's application for Adult Membership is required before the applicant can be either formally invested into the Scouting Movement or issued a *Certificate of Adult Membership*.

Certificate of Adult Membership:

All new adult members, with the exception of **Parent Helpers**, will on being accepted as an Adult Member of Scouts WA and having completed the membership criteria requirements as outlined above, will be issued with a Certificate of Adult Membership.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Scouts WA is responsible for reviewing this policy every 3 years.

4. APPROVALS

Number	Document Process	Person Responsible	Date Approved	Signature
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4	Approval	Chief Commissioner's Council	02/03/2010	Peter Walton
5	Approval	Branch Management Committee	10/03/2010	Larry Lucas

This Policy has complied with all necessary approvals and is accepted as the *Adult Membership Definitions Policy* for Scouts WA.

Signature:**Larry Lucas**..... Date: ..10../..03../..2010..

Chair, Branch Management Committee