

AIEFT Membership Policy

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Membership of the AIEFT (the Australian Institute of Emotion Focused Therapy) has been agreed by the Committee of Management ('Committee') as being subject to the following:

- 1) Membership shall at all times be governed by the Constitution of the AIEFT (see appendix A)
- 2) At least one Committee member at any time will be responsible for managing and coordinating memberships, as appointed by the Committee.
- 3) There shall be two tiers of membership, 'Member' and 'Special Member'.
- 4) Both Members and Special Members of the AIEFT will be entitled to vote in meetings of the business of the AIEFT including the AGM and any other GMs throughout the year.
- 5) Membership will be for one calendar year, starting 1st January.
- 6) To be eligible for Membership an applicant must:
 - a. Meet the criteria according to the Constitution,
 - b. Be a mental health professional currently accredited with AHPRA, PACFA, or an equivalent professional regulatory body as determined by the AIEFT, or a student currently enrolled in a mental health course and working towards accreditation as a mental health professional,
 - c. Submit an application to the Committee,
 - d. Be approved by the Committee,
 - e. Agree to the conditions of AIEFT membership,
 - f. Have no interests contrary to the mission of the AIEFT, and
 - g. Pay the membership fee.
- 7) To be eligible for Special Membership an applicant must:
 - a. Be invited to apply for Membership by the Committee, and
 - b. Meet the aforementioned Membership criteria, except 6) b.
- 8) Membership renewals are due each year by submitting an application.
- 9) Renewals not made within 3 months of the end of the membership year will require a new application for membership.
- 10) Members must act in keeping with the best interests of the AIEFT at all times.
- 11) Where Members are not Accredited Emotion Focused Therapy Practitioners, Members must refrain from claiming or inferring that they are an accredited practitioner, and must take reasonable steps to correct any confusion that arises as to their accreditation status.

- 12) The Committee retains the right to terminate a membership at any time.
- 13) Members must be clear in any materials that are publicly available (including websites and all forms of media) that any opinions they present are completely independent of the AIEFT and only the Committee and its designated officers may speak on behalf of the organisation.

Appendix A

Excerpts from the Constitution of the AIEFT relevant for membership

Members

- 21 The Company's Members are as follows (unless the Member has resigned under clause 38 or clause 40, or been expelled under clause 41):
- 21.1 the persons who are specified in the application to register the Company lodged under section 117 of the Act and who have consented to be Members; and
 - 21.2 any other person the Board admits to Membership in accordance with this Constitution.

Register of Members

- 22 The Company must keep and maintain the Register in accordance with the Act and otherwise as the Board determines.
- 23 Any dispute that arises in relation to the Register must be referred to the Board. The Board's decision is final and binding on all Members (in the absence of manifest error).

Eligibility for membership

- 24 The following are eligible to be Members:
- 24.1 any person who has a demonstrated interest in the Company;
 - 24.2 any person that the Board considers would benefit the Company by becoming a member; and
 - 24.3 any person in a category of persons that the Company has determined to be eligible to be Members.

Types of membership

- 25 At any time, the Board may (subject to the Act) create different types of membership with different rights, obligations and restrictions.

Membership is not transferable

- 26 A Member may not transfer their Membership to another person.