

# **National Council of Social Service (Membership and Fees) Regulations**

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## **Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Council of Social Service (Membership and Fees) Regulations.

## **Conditions for membership of Council**

2.—(1) Any organisation which —

- (a) is registered under the Business Registration Act (Cap. 32) or the Societies Act (Cap. 311), incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap. 50), or established by or under any written law;
- (b) has been carrying on business for a continuous period of at least 2 years; and
- (c) satisfies the requirements of section 15(2) or (3) of the Act,

may apply to be either a full Council member or an associate Council member, as the case may be.

(2) The Board may, in its discretion, waive the requirement under paragraph (1)(b) subject to such conditions as it sees fit.

## **Application for membership of Council**

3.—(1) An application for full or associate membership of the Council under section 15 of the Act shall be made to the Council in such form as may be provided by the Board.

(2) The Board shall consider every duly completed application and communicate its decision in writing to the applicant within 3 months from the receipt of the application.

## **Grant and renewal of membership of Council**

4.—(1) Where the Board is satisfied that an organisation is suitable for admission as a Council member, the Board may grant membership under section 15(2) or (3) of the Act to such organisation.

(2) Where the Board rejects an application for membership, the Board shall not be obliged to give any reason for its refusal.

(3) Where the membership of a Council member was granted at any time during the

period commencing on 1st January and ending on 31st March in any year, the membership shall expire on 31st March of that year.

(4) Where the membership of a Council member was granted at any time during the period commencing on 1st April and ending on 31st December in any year, the membership shall expire on 31st March of the following year.

(5) The Board may, upon the expiry of the membership of a Council member, renew such membership for one year or 3 years as the Council member may elect.

### **Membership fees**

5.—(1) Every organisation shall, upon being granted membership of the Council under regulation 4(1) or upon having its membership renewed under regulation 4(5), pay to the Council the membership fee as specified in the Schedule.

(2) Where a Council member fails to pay its membership fee within one month of being granted membership or of having its membership renewed, the Council member shall, in addition to the membership fee, pay to the Council the late payment fee as specified in the Schedule.

(3) Where a Council member fails to pay its membership fee, together with any applicable late payment fee within 3 months of being granted membership or of having its membership renewed, the Board may terminate the membership of such Council member.

(4) A Council member whose membership has been terminated under paragraph (3) may have its membership reinstated on payment of all outstanding fees.

(5) The membership fees specified in the Schedule are not inclusive of goods and services tax chargeable under the Goods and Services Tax Act (Cap. 117A) on the services in respect of which such fees are payable, and the Council member shall bear and pay to the Council the goods and services tax charged on the supply of services in addition to such fees.

(6) No fee paid by a Council member shall be refunded unless, in the opinion of the Board, there is good and sufficient reason to do so.

(7) The Board may, in its discretion, waive the whole or any part of any membership fee due and payable by any Council member.

### **Other charges**

6.—(1) The Board may levy any charges for services rendered to any Council member, person or organisation in pursuance of the objects of the Council as the Board sees fit.