

## Canteen – The Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer (**Canteen**) – membership policy

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### 1. Background

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Canteen provides support to young people 12-25 years dealing with either their own cancer diagnosis or that of a close family member.

Canteen is a member-led organisation with the members drawn from among the young people that Canteen supports.

Section 5.2(b) of the Canteen Constitution states that the definition of a member of Canteen shall be defined within the membership policy. This policy sets out the eligibility criteria for membership as well as the rights and obligations, and application procedures.

### 2. Eligibility for membership

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- (a) An individual is eligible for membership if they are:
- (1) 16-25 years of age; and
  - (2) Current or previous users of one or more of the following professionally led services (face to face or online) including:
    - Canteen's Services (including programs or recreational events) and/or
    - Youth Cancer Services; and/or
    - Cancer Hub; and/or
    - Canteen Youth Leadership roles; and/or
    - Any other service operated by Canteen as determined by the board.

### 2. Rights and obligations

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- (b) Members have the right to:
- receive notices; and
  - attend, participate and vote at general meetings; and
  - nominate candidates for election to the board; and
  - apply for Canteen youth leadership roles, including member directorship, local leadership, Youth Advisory Team, peer mentor, young ambassador.
- (c) Members agree to support Canteen's purposes and comply with the constitution.

### **3. Application process**

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#### **3.1. Application for membership**

- (a) A person may apply to become a member by completing and submitting an application for membership to Canteen by completing an online form on the Canteen website which also states that the applicant: submitting an application for membership
  - (1) wishes to become a member of Canteen;
  - (2) supports the purposes of Canteen; and
  - (3) agrees to be bound by Canteen's constitution and membership policy.
- (b) The applicant must also provide details of how they are eligible for membership in accordance with the criteria outlined above.

#### **3.2. Consideration of application**

- (a) As soon as practicable after an application for membership is received, the board, or it's delegate must decide by resolution whether to accept or reject the application.
- (b) The secretary must notify the applicant of the board's decision as soon as practicable after the decision is made and update the member register.
- (c) No reason need be given for the rejection of an application.