

# PTGAA 2021 Membership Fee Structure and Payment Plan

## RESOLUTION

**That the new fee structure for membership of the PTGAA as included below be adopted for implementation for the next membership year, commencing on 1st of January 2021.**

**It is resolved that:**

### **1. Complimentary Membership Extension: All individual categories of paid membership:**

All existing individual PTGAA memberships as at 1 January 2021 will be extended six months complimentary membership and will be automatically renewed for this term without members paying additional fees.

2021 membership renewal notices to be distributed from 1 May 2021, payable by 30 June 2021 and will cover a term of 6 months from 1 July 2021 until 31 December 2021. The renewal fee will set at 50% of the 2021 annual fee.

### **2. New Members**

New PTGAA members, including any upgraded Complimentary Associate Members and any who join in 2020, will be provided with free membership to 30 June 2021. These new members will be required to pay 50% of the 2021 annual membership fee at time of joining.

New members who join PTGAA from 1 July 2021 and before 31 December 2021 will pay the standard annual fee for the appropriate membership category, pro-rated for the actual term.

New (Professional) members remain subject to successful tour-guiding assessment and payment of the assessment fee.

### **3. Membership Classifications and Revised Fees**

In order to meet rising costs and for ongoing operation of the association, annual fees for individual membership to increase by \$20 per annum effective from 1 January 2021.

Membership categories and revised fees are described below:

**Full members** are entitled to vote at PTGAA meetings and can nominate to serve on the PTGAA committee of management.

**Associate members** are unable to vote and cannot nominate to be on the PTGAA committee of management.

## Full Members

Have voting rights - one vote per membership

Can be elected to the committee - one nomination per membership

Membership category	Current fee (p/a)	Proposed fee (p/a)	Description
<b>Professional Member incl National accreditation*</b>	\$180	\$200	<p>Individual tour guides and tour managers who have been engaged for a minimum of 60 days over the last year OR have been active as a guide in the industry for at least two years OR who have had 100 days of experience as a guide throughout their career should apply for this category.</p> <p>OR has a completed certificate course III or IV in guiding plus had 3 months tour guiding experience. OR 30 days of tour guiding work after completing a Cert III or Cert IV in tour guiding.</p> <p>Pass the National Accreditation assessment.</p>
<b>Distance Professional Member incl. National accreditation *</b>	\$120	\$140	Accredited professional member living outside Victoria.
<b>Intermediate Member</b>	\$135	\$155	Is for tour guides who are new to the industry and who have limited experience. A guide who has successfully completed and obtained a certificate from a recognised tourism training program and who is just starting out would fit within this category. Working tour guides who currently do not yet meet the Professional Member standard.
<b>Site Guides</b>	\$120	\$140	Site Guides will be re-allocated to either Full Professional Guides or Affiliate Guides (all current Site Guides live within Victoria).
<b>Corporate Members</b>	\$500	\$500	<p>For businesses associated with the management of tours, conferences and special events who engage guides.</p> <p>One person within the business is the Administrator and they are the representative for all things PTGAA (voting, badge etc)</p>
<b>Life Members</b>	No fee	No fee	Only at the invitation of the board to retiring members who have contributed, over their guiding career, to the PTGAA above and beyond the normal call of duty.

## Associate Members

Do not have voting rights

Cannot be elected to the committee

Membership category	Current fee (p/a)	Proposed fee (p/a)	Description
<b>Student</b>	\$20	\$40	Student guides are non-working guides and they do not go through the assessment process. They must be enrolled in a tour-guiding course at a recognised RTO. Upon completion of their course guides should upgrade to Intermediate membership so that they can seek work as a tour guide. Student guides should not be working as tour guides as they cannot be insured through our insurance scheme.
<b>Industry Individual Member</b>	\$120	\$140	Allied industry individuals supporting the objectives of the PTGAA.  These are not working guides but individuals who work closely with guides (e.g. TAFE teachers, assessors).
<b>Industry Member (Organisation)</b>	\$500	A range of sponsorship options now offered	Allied industry organisations supporting the objectives of the PTGAA.
<b>Friend</b>	No Charge	No Charge	Only at the invitation of the committee. Members who are retiring from guiding may remain on the mailing list and attend events. For guides who are retiring in the real sense, not just ceasing to be a member.

\*When PTGAA adopted the National Accreditation assessment process as the key strategy for membership in November 2015, some existing member guides chose not to avail of National Accreditation and its advantages. Whilst the PTGAA is keen to ensure all its members have the additional Australia-wide recognition and benefits provided by National Accreditation, the PTGAA has honoured the wishes of those guides to remain on a reduced “non accredited level “. This rate is the same as for Intermediate members. This non-accredited rate is not applicable to any members who joined after 2015.