# **Rules for Associate Membership to RMSANZ**

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#### **RULE 1**

Pursuant to Clause 3.1.1 a) of the Constitution, the Directors will elect suitable persons to Associate Membership in accordance with the following criteria

- 1.1 Where the applicant is nominated for Associate Membership by a RMSANZ Group, i.e. either a Branch or SIG of RMSANZ; and
- 1.2 Where the applicant is a current financial member of their respective professional association within any one or more of the following categories:

Non FAFRM Medical Practitioner or Scientist

**Registered Nurse** 

Physiotherapist

**Occupational Therapist** 

Clinical Psychologist or Neuropsychologist

Speech/Language Pathologist

Social Worker

Orthotist or Prosthetist

Dietitian; and

1.3 The Administrative Officer has confirmed the application satisfies the requirements of both 1.1 and 1.2. (If the Administrative Officer is not satisfied with the satisfaction of these criteria, the application is to be dealt with via Rule 3)

### **RULE 2**

Upon satisfaction of Rule 1 requirements, the Administrative Officer will submit the names of eligible applicants to election at the next available meeting of Directors.

#### **RULE 3**

In the case of an applicant being deemed of exceptional interest to RMSANZ to warrant consideration as an Associate Member but who does not meet the criteria of Rule 1, the Board may consider their election on an individual basis following the nomination of the applicant by two Directors. Such an applicant can be elected to Associate Membership by a majority vote of Directors at a Board Meeting.

## **RULE 4**

All Associate Members are members of RMSANZ as required by Clause 3.1.1 and are required to be members of the Group which nominated them for membership, or in the case of Rule 3, the Board will determine the Group (Branch or SIG) to which the Associate Member is to be a member.

## **RULE 5**

Associate Members are not entitled to vote at general meetings of RMSANZ but are entitled to vote at meetings of the Group to which they belong.

## **RULE 6**

Associate Members are not entitled to occupy the positions of Chair or Secretary of the Group to which they are a member.