

3.1(A) Membership shall be open to:-

(a) News publications

Newspapers, news magazines and target - audience publications by title;

- (i) published in New South Wales outside the Sydney metropolitan area as defined from time to time by the association in general meeting, except in special cases approved by the Council, and also published within the Australian Capital Territory;
- (ii) conveying to the public information, news and views for general consumption or for special interest groups;
- (iii) published by a commercial proprietor on a regular schedule at least monthly;
- (iv) printed in ink on a printing press on newsprint or better quality stock;
- (v) prepared and presented to a literary standard comparable with that of other member publications;
- (vi) receiving demonstrable community or sectional interest acceptance;
- (vii) taking no action detrimental to the general interests of members;
- (viii) and abiding by the terms of lawful agreements entered into by the association with other persons, companies, associations or organisations.

(b) Magazine publishers

Publishers of magazines conforming to the same conditions as News Publications set out in 3.1.

(c) Printers

Printers of news publications, magazines and/or commercial material operating in New South Wales outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, or as otherwise approved by the Council, and in the ACT, whose business is directly or indirectly integrated with a news publishing operation or operated independently.

3.1(B) Dual Membership shall be open to newspapers, news magazines and publications with a target audience which hold primary membership in an adjacent Country Press association.

3.1(C) Affiliate Membership shall be open to newspapers, news magazines and publications with a target audience not published in New South Wales which do not hold membership in another State Country Press association or in a State where no Country Press association is operative, provided the publications comply with sub-sections

3.1(A) (a) (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii).

3.2 It shall be each member's responsibility to ensure that all News publications or any eligible proprietor or lessee controlled by or financially related to it, join and maintain membership of the association.

Application for membership

(a) Having completed 12 months' continuous, regular publication or operation as a business, proprietors may make applications for membership by completing the Membership Application Form. If this application is deemed satisfactory by the Executive Committee of the Council, (hereinafter called "the Committee"), the succeeding six (6) months will be deemed to be probationary membership.

(b) During the probationary period when the applicant's publication or business will be monitored, the publication shall be published continuously and regularly, and a printer shall operate continuously, in conformity with the Constitution and other rules of the association, and otherwise complete the probationary period to the satisfaction of the Committee.

4.(a) After completion of the probationary period, the Committee shall report to the Council with its recommendation. Upon approval by the Council, full membership shall be confirmed.

(b) If an existing member purchases or becomes the operator of an otherwise eligible publication or printery as referred to in 4(a), such publication or printing activity will not be required to serve a probationary period.