



FIRST NATIONS
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & RIGHTS FAQS



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WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES?

- ⊕ **Ordinary Membership** (*Voting membership*). Not-for-profit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander broadcasting, media and communications organisations. Each Ordinary Member nominates a Representative to vote at General Meetings as well nominate and second eligible people to the Board.
- ⊕ **Associate Membership** (*Non-voting membership*). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in or committed to broadcasting and media (whether not-for-profit or for-profit). Not-for-profit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander with a commitment to broadcasting, media and communications are also eligible.
- ⊕ **Affiliate Membership** (*Non-voting membership*). Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently working in not for profit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander broadcasting and media. Non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations involved with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander broadcasting, media and communications.
- ⊕ **Friends Membership** (*Non-voting membership*). Persons or organisations with a commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander broadcasting, media and communications and not eligible for any other membership category.

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HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHO THE MEMBERS AND MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ARE?

- Check out the FNMA membership list at www.firstnationsmedia.org.au/about/membership/member-list
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WHERE DO I FIT INTO THE MEMBERSHIP AND HOW DO I JOIN UP?

- Check out the FNMA membership page to find out where you fit and access the online application form www.firstnationsmedia.org.au/about/membership

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I'M STILL A BIT UNCLEAR. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME EXAMPLES OF WHERE I MIGHT FIT?

- **I'm a First Nations person working in a radio station (or media production organisation).**

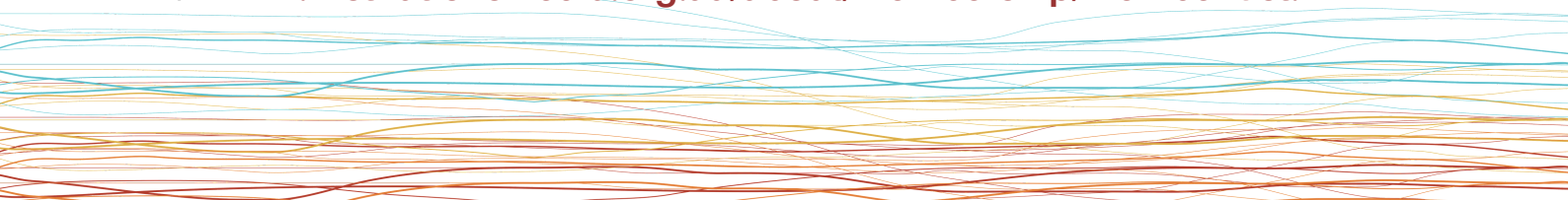
Your membership category is an *Associate member* whether or not the radio station (or organisation) is for profit or not-for-profit or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander radio station or not. You may be nominated by an Ordinary Member to the Board, but you don't have a voting right.

- **I'm a First Nations person working as a photographer (or media producer or news organisation) in my own company or as a freelance.**

Your membership category is an *Associate member* whether or not your company is for profit or not-for-profit or you are freelancing to non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations. You may be nominated by an Ordinary Member to the Board, but you don't have a voting right.

- **My organisation has been accepted as an Ordinary Member. I'm a First Nations staff member of that organisation. Does that mean I am the Representative?**

Not necessarily. Ordinary Members nominate only one person as their official Representative. That person is advised to FNMA at the time of membership application by the Ordinary Member or when the Representative needs to be changed. You can find out who the Representatives of Ordinary Members are at www.firstnationsmedia.org.au/about/membership/member-list.



WHAT ARE MY MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS WHEN ATTENDING A FNMA GENERAL MEETING?



I'm the official Representative for an Ordinary Member

1. You can vote at FNMA General Meetings,
2. You can nominate and second eligible people for Director positions..
3. You can put forward resolutions, and speak at the meeting.
4. You can hold up to 2 proxies for other Ordinary Member Representatives.
5. You can ask for General Meeting and ask to inspect books as per set out in the FNMA Constitution at Clause 3.5.1.



I'm a staff member of an Ordinary Member

1. Voting will be through your organisation's official Representative.
2. If you hold FNMA Associate membership you can speak when recognised by the Chair.
3. If you hold FNMA Affiliate Membership you can speak if called upon to do so by the Chair.



I or my organisation is an Associate Member

1. Voting will be through your organisation's official Representative if they are an Ordinary Member. If not you do not hold voting rights.
2. If you hold FNMA Associate membership you can speak when recognised or called upon by the Chair.



I or my organisation is an Affiliate Member

1. You can attend the meeting after approval from the Chair.
2. You can speak when called upon to do so by the Chair.
3. You do not have voting rights.



I'm a Friends Member

1. You do not have the right to attend the General Meeting; although the Board may invite you if appropriate.