

AAll Internal Regulation 1

Membership Category Criteria

AAll has two types of membership:

- I. Full Members - Full members have voting rights and may serve as members of the board of directors.
- II. Associate Members - Associate members do not have voting rights and cannot serve as members of the board of directors.

AAll has several types of Membership Categories:

Members can join more than one category but can only have voting rights in one category - this must be identified at the point of joining.

1.1 Full Member Professional Healthcare/Social Service Provider – open to organisations or individuals with formal education qualifications in a relevant discipline.

- Key criteria - Completion of college level (bachelor, masters, doctorate, or PhD) coursework & active licensure specific to a human healthcare practitioner or social service provision such as counselling, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech and language pathologist, behaviour therapist, nurse practitioner, physician, psychologist, etc. Must have completed 250 hours of supervised, direct client contact in human related apprentice work or internship specific to BA, MA, Doc, or PhD degree. Recommend basic animal handling and welfare knowledge (review standards of practice). Members at this level have voting rights for their chosen primary membership category. Organisation Full Members must have a named person who meets the specific key criteria and is effectively the holder of the membership.

1.2 Associate Member Healthcare/Social Service Provider – open to organisations or individuals with formal education qualifications in a relevant discipline.

- Key criteria - Completion of college level (certificate, associate degree) coursework and active licensure specific to professional supervised positions in human healthcare or social service such as certified assistants in therapies, social work, nursing, etc. Must have completed 150 hours of professionally supervised apprentice work or internship in specific certificate or degree area, and letter of current supervision. Recommend basic animal handling and welfare knowledge (review standards of practice). Associate members do not have voting rights. Organisation Associate Members must have a named person who meets the specific key criteria and is effectively the holder of the membership.

2.1 Full Member Professional Educator- open to organisations or individuals with formal qualifications in the relevant discipline.

- Key criteria (Ideally) - Completion of college level (bachelor, masters, doctorate, or PhD) coursework and active licensure specific to the educational field. Must have completed 250 hours of supervised, direct student contact in human related apprentice work or internship specific to educational degree. Members at this level have voting rights for professional educator category. Organisation Full Members must have a named person who meets the specific key criteria and is effectively the holder of the membership.

2.2 Associate Member Educational Assistants/Aids/Support - open to organisations or individuals formally educated with at least a certificate/diploma in the educational field.

- Key criteria - Completion of formal Educational Support Program, along with certification and/or current letter of supervision from education supervisor. Must have completed at least 100 hours of supervised, direct student contact. Associate educational members do not have voting rights. Organisation Associate Members must have a named person who meets the specific key criteria and is effectively the holder of the membership.

3.1 Full Member Dog/Animal Support - open to professional organisations that train dogs/animals and their handlers (examples: members of Assistance Dogs Europe, Assistance Dogs International, etc.).

- Organizations in this category train dogs to work alongside healthcare, social service, religious affiliations, or educational professionals. Eligibility includes a minimum of 30 hours of education for each support person regarding the population they will be working with or training for. And must have at least 250 hours experience training dogs using positive reinforcement techniques.

3.2 Associate Member Dog/Animal Support- open to organisations that are planning to train dogs to work alongside healthcare, social service, religious affiliations, or educational professionals

4.1 Full Member Animal Assisted Activity – open to organisations that are active in the field of social and recreation based animal assisted activities and visitations.

- Dog handlers must have at least 40 hours handling a variety of dogs using positive reinforcement techniques, and at least 10 hours direct contact with the specific dog they will be handling.
- If a full member animal assisted activity organisation wishes to work alongside a professional healthcare/social service/education provider, they must also meet the standards of practice for animal assisted therapy/education.

4.2 Associate Member Animal Assisted Activity - criteria pending (working group still working out details).

5. Affiliate Membership – open to any organization that supports the overall mission of AAll. The AAll Board will approve affiliate members. Affiliate members do not have voting rights.