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## SPEAQ membership structure and privileges

*As at May 2021*

### Membership Access

Prospective members must meet the Membership Criteria as set out in the document [SPEAQ Key Information](#).

### Membership Structure

- Organizational members
  - Membership fee is paid by the organisation – nominated participants from that organisation have member privileges
- Individual members
  - Membership fee paid by an individual - provides member privileges
- Invited participants
  - May include people in an advisory or mentoring role or otherwise considered to be in SPEAQ's interests to be given limited membership privileges (e.g. university academics, public servants). No membership fee is payable.
- Guests
  - Other professionals with an interest in SPEAQ. No membership fee is payable, and limited privileges apply. Access to a range of SPEAQ activities such as teleconferences and regular mailings etc is available during a 6 month grace period.

### Limitations on Guest access

- We value inclusivity and have a preference for involvement from all those who are interested. The sustainability of our network however depends on having funds to support the work of the secretariat. As the Qld government does not provide recurrent funding of networks within the DFV sector, funding for the secretariat is based on membership subscription fees, supported by a good dose of voluntary labour.
- Access to certain SPEAQ activities such as teleconferences and regular mailouts is therefore available to Guests at no cost, during a 6 month grace period from the time of first being added to the membership database, after which time a membership fee is required for continued access.



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### **Fee structure**

Annual membership subscription fees are based on the extent of funded program activity and are payable by 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. Fees for 2021/22 are as follows. Figures are **inclusive of gst**:

- For an organisation or branch (site): \$425
  - for organisations, or branches of larger organisations running only one group program, or conducting other related activities
  - e.g. for an organisation operating 2 branches, with one program running in each branch, the fee is \$850
- For an organisation running more than one concurrent group program, an additional \$145 for each additional concurrent group
  - e.g. for an organisation / branch running two concurrent group programs, the total fee is \$570
  - This is capped at \$715 for 3 or more programs
- Individual practitioner: \$77
- Fee subscriptions are on a financial year basis (1 July to 30 June). Fees are halved for memberships commencing between December and April. Memberships commencing in May or June are current until the end of the following financial year.

The intention of this fee structure is that organisations running funded programs subscribe at the organisation rate. All nominated employees are then automatically treated as Employee Members. Use of Individual membership for employee practitioners is available only to those who are not part of organisations with perpetrator intervention program funding, or where an employee also wishes to join as an Individual member in their own right.

### **Access to SPEAQ activities**

Membership privileges according to membership category are as outlined in the following table:

| <b>Activity / Benefit</b>  | <b>Member</b> | <b>Invited Participant</b>           | <b>Guest</b>  |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Inclusion in Public Mailing List<br>(for occasional emails as determined to be in the interests of SPEAQ)  | ✓             | ✓                                    | ✓   |
| Inclusion in Member Mailing List<br>(for: notification of meetings; distribution of papers, research info, surveys, notification of professional development events etc) | ✓             | ✓                                    | During grace period -<br>✓<br><br>Otherwise: At secretariat discretion in SPEAQ's interests |
| Access to SPEAQ website member-only content, including Practice Resources; Discussion Forum; Special Interest groups; Blog etc.  | ✓             | ✓<br>(excluding some member content) | ✘   |
| Monthly Teleconference Meeting participation   | ✓             | ✓                                    | During grace period -<br>✓  |



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|  |   |  | or by member invitation                        |
| Receive copies of meeting minutes, discussion papers         | ✓ | ✓  | During grace period only                       |
| Access to practice resources shared among members            | ✓ | ✓  | During grace period only                       |
| Contribution to Submissions                                  | ✓ | ✓  | At secretariat discretion in SPEAQ's interests |
| Membership of Committees                                     | ✓ | ✓  | ✗  |
| Receive copies of financial reports, secretary's reports etc | ✓ | At secretariat discretion in SPEAQ's interests | ✗  |
| Voting / Decision making                                     | ✓ | ✗  | ✗  |
| Managers Forum participation                                 | ✓ | At secretariat discretion in SPEAQ's interests | ✗  |
| Involvement in SPEAQ PD (Professional Development) events    | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |
| Discounted fee for SPEAQ PD events                           | ✓ | ✗  | ✗  |
| Access to member contact details                             | ✓ | ✓  | ✗  |