



## New Membership Application

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FCRC – Advancing the rights of vulnerable consumers in Victoria

## Granting FCRC Membership

Membership of the FCRC may be granted to a natural person or an organisation that:

- Agrees to support the aims and objectives of the FCRC.
- Meets the eligibility requirements for one of the four categories of membership.
- Carries out their work with no conflict of interest (or, where conflict exists or potentially exists, discloses such information to the Council).
- Complies with any rules or by-laws approved by the Committee from time to time.

## FCRC Membership Categories

The Financial and Consumer Rights Council offers four categories of membership. Each membership category provides different benefits and services to members and is costed accordingly.

- Agency Membership
- Full Individual Membership
- Associate Membership (can be granted to both organisations and individuals)
- Industry Membership

## What you can expect from your FCRC Membership

An FCRC membership provides a range of benefits to both organisations and individuals. Some of the benefits include – opportunities to participate within Professional Development and to develop your skills base, attendance at the annual FCRC Conference, participation within Working Groups and Statewide Networks, current information on projects and upcoming events as well as access to member resource documents through the website, and many opportunities for networking as well as being part of a professional peak committed to advancing the rights of vulnerable people in Victoria.

## Applying for Membership

If FCRC is the peak for you, simply complete the relevant sections and return this information to FCRC. The form will need to be signed. Remember if you are unsure about anything, just contact the FCRC office.

On receiving your membership application request FCRC will notify of the outcome. This application form must be signed by the applicant, space is provided on the last page of this document. Please do not include payment; an invoice will be issued once your application has been approved.

## Financial Counselling Agency Membership

### Does your organisation:

Agree to support the aims and objectives of the Council.

Carry out its work with no conflict of interest (or, where conflict exists or potentially exists, discloses such information to the Council).

Agree to comply with any rules or by-laws approved by the Committee from time to time

Receive Federal, State or Local Government funding, either directly or indirectly.

Provide fee-free Financial Counselling Services

Has been granted or is eligible for ASIC licensing relief for Financial Counselling agencies.

If you answered yes by ticking ALL of the above your organisation is eligible for Financial Counselling Agency Membership, please check the box below.

YES

As a Financial Counselling Agency Member, this membership entitles the organisation to nominate a program staff member for Full Individual Membership. The nominated individual must meet the eligibility criteria for Full Individual Membership.

**Please complete the Full Individual Membership section, as appropriate and then proceed to the Details of Applicant Section.**

**If Agency Membership is not appropriate for your organisation, perhaps associate or industry relation membership is applicable. See details following the Full Individual Membership section next.**

### An Agency Member of the FCRC can expect:

- Access to FCRC website.
- Invitation to Agency Network including participation in meetings and access to related minutes, reports and other publications.
- Dedicated email notifications.
- Access to current and past copies of the Devil's Advocate from the FCRC website.
- The opportunity to contribute to the Devil's Advocate.
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual Conference including reduced pricing..
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Professional Development Opportunities.
- Opportunity to contribute to the FCRC Website (public areas), including posting articles.
- Free advertising on the employment opportunities, consumer resources and information for FC's sections of the FCRC website.
- Access to reduced pricing when purchasing FCRC publications.
- Access to the FCRC office library.
- Opportunities for joint initiatives and funding submissions with Council.

## Full Individual Membership

### Do/Are you:

Currently employed as a Financial Counsellor and carry out financial counselling work.

Agree to support the aims and objectives of the Council.

Carry out your work with no conflict of interest (or, where conflict exists or potentially exists, disclose such information to the Council).

Agree to comply with any rules or by-laws approved by the Committee from time to time.

Employed within an organisation that meets the eligibility requirements for Financial Counselling Agency Membership.

Hold, or am currently undertaking, an accredited Diploma in Financial Counselling or have equivalent community sector experience.

Agree not to engage in fee-for-service financial Counselling during the 12-month period of Council membership.

Agree to comply with the FCRC Service Standards And Professional Conduct Rules.

**If you answered yes to ALL of the above you are eligible for Full Individual Membership. Please proceed to the Details of Applicant section.**

### A Full Individual Member of the FCRC can expect:

- Access to dedicated Member Access Area of FCRC website.
- FCRC member access area support.
- Access to current and past copies of the Devil's Advocate from the FCRC website.
- The opportunity to contribute to the Devil's Advocate.
- Dedicated email notifications.
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual Conference including reduced pricing.
- Opportunity to attend and vote at the FCRC Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Professional Development Opportunities.
- Opportunity to contribute to the FCRC Website (public and member areas), including posting articles.
- Free advertising to the employment opportunities section of the FCRC website.
- Access to reduced pricing when purchasing FCRC publications.
- Access to the FCRC office library.
- Opportunities for joint initiatives and funding submissions with Council.

## **Associate Membership** (can be granted to both organisations and individuals)

Associate Membership is available to individuals or non-profit organisations that:

- Agree to support the aims and objectives of the FCRC.
- Share a mutual interest and commitment to the work undertaken by the FCRC.

So if Associate Membership is for you, check out the benefits of becoming an Associate Member and remember to fill in the application form!

### **An Associate Member (Organisation) of the FCRC can expect:**

- Dedicated email notifications.
- Access to current and past copies of the Devil's Advocate from the FCRC website.
- Opportunity to contribute to the FCRC Website and the Devil's Advocate newsletter including advertising for employment opportunities, consumer resources and information for Financial Counsellors at no cost.
- Opportunities for joint initiatives and funding submissions with the FCRC.

### **An Associate Member (Individual) of the FCRC can expect:**

- Dedicated email notifications.
- Access to current and past copies of the Devil's Advocate from the FCRC website.
- The opportunity to contribute articles to the Devil's Advocate.
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual Conference at a reduced cost.
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Professional Development Opportunities.
- Access to reduced pricing when purchasing FCRC publications.

## **Industry Membership**

This membership category is primarily for industry organisations that:

- Agree to support the aims and objectives of the FCRC.
- Share a mutual interest in the work undertaken by the FCRC.

### **An Industry Member of the FCRC can expect:**

- Access to FCRC website.
- Dedicated email notifications.
- Access to current and past copies of the Devil's Advocate from the FCRC website.
- The opportunity to contribute to the Devil's Advocate.
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual Conference at a reduced cost.
- Opportunity to attend the FCRC Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Professional Development Opportunities.
- Opportunity to contribute to the FCRC Website including posting articles.
- Free advertising in the employment opportunities, consumer resources and information for FC's sections of the FCRC website.
- Access to reduced pricing when purchasing FCRC publications.
- Opportunities for joint initiatives and funding submissions with the FCRC.

## Details of Applicant

### Type of Membership (Please tick) – prices include GST

- Financial Counselling Agency Membership – cost \$170 p.a.**  
(Includes one Full Individual Membership)
- Full Individual Membership (Full Employment) – cost \$84 p.a.**  
(Paid employment over 25 hrs per week)
- Full Individual Membership (Part Time Employment) – cost \$45 p.a.**  
(Paid employment up to 25 hrs per week)
- Full Individual Membership (Concession) – cost \$36.00 p.a.**  
(a copy of concession card, student card or details of any volunteer work, including hours and the organisation is required).

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Associate Membership (Organisation) – cost \$258 p.a.**
- Associate Membership (Individual) – cost \$36 p.a.**  
(Students, volunteers and staff from Organisations with and FCRC Associate Membership.
- Industry Membership – cost \$309 p.a.**

**Organisation Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Must be provided when applying for ALL categories of membership.

**Individual Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Must be provided when applying for ALL categories of membership.

**Individual Position Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Must be provided when applying for ALL categories of membership.

**Individual Contact Details:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation Contact Details:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for applying for membership:

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Please indicate how you have met the membership criteria **(including financial counselling qualifications for Full Individual Membership)**:

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Please nominate an Agency Network Representative **(for Agency Membership only)** to receive information about the FCRC Agency Network:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Should FCRC require additional information specific to your membership application, do you provide your consent for FCRC to contact a nominated referee for further information?

Please circle: Yes / No

If yes, provide the name and contact details of one nominated referee:

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If applying for **Associate** or **Industry Membership**, please check the box below to show you agree with the following:

I agree to support the aims and objectives of the FCRC and I share a mutual interest in the work undertaken by the FCRC.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **FCRC Privacy statement**

The Financial and Consumer Rights Council is required to operate within the spirit and intent of the Victorian Privacy Act.

Accordingly FCRC only collects information from members and/or potential members specific to the core objectives and activities of Council.

In addition, FCRC takes reasonable steps to ensure the appropriate storage and maintenance of information received.

A FCRC member or potential member has the right to contact FCRC to discuss our commitment to protecting your privacy.

**Pricing and Membership Structure**

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| Financial Counselling Agency Membership .....  | \$170.00 |
| (Incorporating one full individual membership) |          |
| Individual Membership (F/T Employment) .....   | \$84.00  |
| (Paid employment 25 hours and over per week)   |          |
| Individual Membership (P/T Employment) .....   | \$45.00  |
| (Paid employment under 25 hours per week)      |          |
| Individual Membership (Concession) .....       | \$36.00  |
| (Proof of concession required)                 |          |
| Associate Membership (Organisation) .....      | \$258.00 |
| Associate Membership (Individual) .....        | \$36.00  |
| Industry Membership .....                      | \$309.00 |