

Special Resolution D

PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION- Eligibility For Membership

Division 1 – Rule 8 Who is eligible to be a member

Introduce a new Sub Rule under **Eligibility for membership** (Division 1 – Rule 8 (2) (a)) to clearly define an Ordinary Member by referencing “definitions” and incorporate a further new sub-Rule (Division 1 – Rule 8 (2) (b)) listing all the membership categories available.

This would also involve the transferring of the membership categories listed under Division 1 Rule – Rule 14 “Associate and Honorary members” to this new Sub Rule (Division 1 – Rule 8 (2) (b))

Proposed new rule 8:

8 Eligibility for membership

(1) Any person who supports the aims of the Association is eligible to apply for membership.

(2) Classes of membership

- a) **Ordinary Member:** any person who fits the description of “Sapper” as defined in part 1 section 4 “definitions” of this constitution.
- b) **Over 65 Concessional Member:** members who have reached the age of 65 years (prior to the 1st January) may elect to pay a one-off subscription equal to ten times (10) the annual rate of an ordinary member as set out in Rule 12 (1) which will entitle them to a concessional life membership with no further subscriptions necessary. They will receive a letter from the Association confirming this status.
- c) **Over 80 Complimentary Member:** members over the age of 80 years will be granted a complimentary life membership, with no subscriptions payable. They will receive a letter from the Association confirming this status.
- d) **Honorary Life Member:** A member who has made a significant contribution to the Association either by way of a substantial financial donation, memorabilia or service contribution may be awarded Honorary Life Membership together with a framed certificate, and no further subscriptions payable.

Nomination for Honorary Life Membership, outlining the facts and recommending the granting of the status, is to be submitted to the Committee for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

(All of the above membership categories have full voting rights)

- e) **Associate member:** Associate members of the Association include—
 - i. any members under the age of 15 years; or
 - ii. any members who are not Sappers but satisfy the Committee of their interest in the RAE; or
 - iii. any other category of member as determined by special resolution at a general meeting.

An associate member must not vote but may have other rights as determined by the Committee or by resolution at a general meeting.

Division 1 Rule – Rule 14 would then be left vacant .

Special Resolution “D” **Eligibility for membership** – Division 1 – Rule 8 be amended as detailed above to include renamed classes of membership and Division 1 Rule – Rule 14 be left vacant and the Constitution be amended accordingly