



FREE INDIVIDUAL PWD ACT MEMBERSHIP DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

PWD ACT uses the definition of disability that is in the Disability Discrimination Act, this broad definition includes:

Physical, Intellectual, Psychiatric, Sensory, Neurological, and Learning disabilities, as well as Physical disfigurement, and The presence in the body of disease-causing organisms.

This covers a disability which people:

- Have now,
- Had in the past (for example: a past episode of mental illness),

May have in the future (eg: a family history of a disability which a person may also develop).

Associate membership

This is open to anyone who does not have a disability who is at least 15 years old and who agrees with the objectives of PWD ACT. Associate members cannot move or second motions, or vote at any meeting. They may not be elected to any committee

Consumer organisation membership

This is open to any organisation which agrees with PWD ACT objectives, and in which at least 75% are people who have a disability and at least 75% of the members of the Organisations management committee are people who have a disability. These members vote and participate in PWD ACT through a nominated representative. Proof of this nomination must be presented before the start of the meeting. They can move and second motions and have one vote at the AGM.

Associate organisation membership

This is open to any organization which is not controlled by people with a disability, but which agrees with PWD ACT objectives. These members cannot move or second motions, vote at meetings and they may not be elected to any committee. Otherwise they may participate in all other activities of PWD ACT.