

Companions

In the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Application for Admission

As an

Associate Member

Associate Members are recognised as people who (i) have a regular experience of the Spiritual Exercises (such as an annual eight-day retreat or something similar) and (ii) live out of the Spiritual Exercises as a way of life. Associate members are not required to have made the full Spiritual Exercises to become a member of *Companions*. Associate members do not have voting rights in *Companions*.¹

Instructions to the Applicant

1. An applicant seeking membership of the Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises as an **Associate Member** must complete all sections of this Application Form.
2. Please sign and date the Application Form and return it with all the other material required to the address given in Section 5.
3. Applications should be accompanied by payment of the Annual Membership Fee of \$70 AUD. Payments may be made by EFT transfer. See details in Section 5 – Payment.
4. Unsuccessful applications will be refunded the Annual Membership Fee
5. The information in this Application will be treated as confidential and used only in accord with the Privacy Act.

Section 1 - Personal Information *(please print)*

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Telephone (Mob) _____ (H) _____

Email: _____

Gender: _____ Occupation: _____

¹ Constitution of the Companions 6(h).

Section 2 – Your experience of making retreats in the Ignatian tradition

All Associate members of *Companions* need to have a regular experience of the Spiritual Exercises (such as an annual eight-day retreat or something similar); and live out of the Spiritual Exercises as a way of life.

Please complete the table below giving details of the retreats you have made.

Year/Date	Length of Retreat	Name of Giver/Retreat Director	Name/details of retreat and Place of retreat

Please describe how you live out of the Spiritual Exercises as a way of life.

Section 3 – Working with Children Check

It is a requirement of *Companions* that all members hold a current Working with Children check/authorisation for the respective State, Territory or, jurisdiction in which the member lives, and to provide the Secretary of *Companions* with a photocopy of this authorisation.

I understand that I am required to have a current Working with Children check/authorisation for the State, Territory or jurisdiction in which I live.

I attach a photocopy of this authorisation.....

I will send an electronic copy to the Secretary

I will send a copy in the mail.....

Section 4 – Declaration

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

All information submitted by me in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

If admitted as an **Associate Member**, I understand that I will be bound by the *Constitution of the Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Incorporated* and *The Code of Ethics for Givers of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*, and any other rules or regulations adopted by *Companions*. (Copies of the above documents are available on the Website, by email or writing to the Secretary of *Companions*.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 5 – Payment

The Annual Membership Fee for an **Associate Member** is \$70 AUS. Payment information below:

EFT transfer

Account Name: Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Bank: Bank Australia

Account BSB: 313 140

Account #: 12107516

PLEASE PROVIDE **YOUR NAME** IN THE REFERENCE FIELD

To ensure that your payment is allocated correctly, please email our Treasurer at admin@companions.org.au when you have placed an EFT.

Members may apply in writing for a partial exemption from the annual membership fee on special consideration grounds. Such applications will be dealt with confidentially, on a case by case basis, and should be forwarded to the Secretary of Companions at the address below.

Once you have completed this form please return it to the address below. If you require help with your application, or need more information, please email our Secretary at secretary@companions.org.au

The Secretary

Companions in the Ministry of the Spiritual Exercises Incorporated

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