

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

The Queensland Public Sector Union may recognise distinguished service to our Union by awarding Life Membership. Life Members are members who have given distinguished service to our Union and who have been elected as life members on the recommendation of the Council at an Annual General Meeting.

POLICY

Such distinguished service is not limited to but is to include at least one and preferably more of the following criteria :

- length of financial membership (minimum of ten years), offices held in the Union (eg. length of terms, seniority, Standing Committees etc.);
- extensive demonstrated interaction with members;
- contribution to recruitment of members;
- comparative merit with other life members;
- major contributions to our Union;
- demonstrated support from Welfare Committees, Common Interest Groups or Regional Organising Committees;
- recommendations from a minimum of five members of good standing;
- service to our Union; and
- any other relevant matter.

PROCESS

The process for Life Membership begins by nominations being received by the General Secretary, with the nominations being :

- by financial members;
- supported by written documentation;
- received by 31 January in the relevant year;
- nominations referred to the Awards Committee in February of each year;
- except in extraordinary circumstances, no more than two Life Memberships will be awarded in any one year; and

- that the recommendation of the Awards Committee go to the Executive of the Union.