

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA DIRECTIVE

AIMS COMMUNITIES IN SYDNEY INCORPORATED

Adopted by the Managing Committee pursuant to Rule 16(c) of the Constitution

Purpose: To provide the Managing Committee with a transparent, respectful, and culturally appropriate framework for evaluating and approving applications for Ordinary and Corporate Membership under Rule 5 and Schedule 1. This ensures all approvals directly support the association's core mission to serve the AIMS diaspora.

1. Ordinary Membership Criteria

When evaluating an application for Ordinary Membership, the Managing Committee will verify that the applicant meets at least one of the following community alignment criteria:

- **Category A: Cultural Heritage & Birthplace** – The applicant was born in Malaysia or Singapore and shares an ethnic heritage or lineage originating from India or Sri Lanka.
- **Category B: Community Affinity & Alliance** – The applicant, regardless of birthplace, possesses a demonstrated family relationship, marital bond, or strong personal, cultural, or professional affinity with individuals or communities of Malaysian-Indian/Sri Lankan or Singaporean-Indian/Sri Lankan diaspora backgrounds, and is fully committed to favouring and supporting the objects of the Association.

2. Corporate Membership Criteria

When evaluating an application for Corporate Membership, the Managing Committee will verify that the applying organisation satisfies at least one of the following criteria:

- **Category A: Cultural Focus & Mandate** – The applying organisation or association is established primarily to serve, represent, or promote the interests of individuals of Malaysian, Singaporean, Indian, or Sri Lankan heritage.
- **Category B: Institutional Alignment & Partnership** – The applying organisation engages with or supports the Malaysian-Indian/Sri Lankan or Singaporean-Indian/Sri Lankan diaspora through its community programmes, professional networks, or corporate social responsibilities, and seeks membership to collaborate on the objects of the Association.

3. Implementation and Review Procedure

1. **Application Processing:** The Secretary will continue to receive all applications via Appendix 1. When referred to the Managing Committee under Rule 6(2), the committee will use this directive as the objective baseline for approval or rejection.

2. **Confidentiality & Respect:** Every application will be assessed objectively, recognising that community affinity can be demonstrated through family ties, cultural participation, or volunteer alignment.
3. **Record Keeping:** The final determination and the specific category of alignment met will be recorded in the committee minutes in accordance with Rule 20(2)(c).