

Professionals in Cardiac Sciences Australia Inc. (PiCSA)

Annual General Meeting — Notice of Special Resolution

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2026

Time: 7:30 pm AEDT

Meeting format: Online via Zoom

1. Purpose of the proposed changes

Members are asked to consider amendments to PiCSA's Rules relating to membership categories, eligibility, subscriptions and transitional arrangements and to the composition of Board.

The proposed changes aim to:

a) Membership category changes

- Enable eligible Cardiac Physiologists to join Professional Membership from commencement of employment.
- Close Early Career Membership to new applicants and provide a transition for existing members.
- Introduce a \$20 annual Student Membership subscription from 1 March 2027.
- Clarify Affiliate Membership, including that all industry representatives are Affiliate Members.
- Establish a separate International Membership category for overseas members.
- Update membership subscriptions and the associated Rules.

Life Membership is not being amended by this resolution. The Board may separately develop a Life Membership framework and consider any required rule changes through the appropriate process.

b) Composition of Board changes

- To distribute the workload more effectively across the Board, meet the organisation's growing needs, and increase capacity to progress strategic priorities, strengthen member engagement and advance professional advocacy.

2. Current membership compared with proposed membership

Category	Current position under the Rules	Proposed position
Professional	Requires a relevant recognised AQF Level 7 bachelor's degree or higher qualification and at least two years working in the profession.	Eligible Cardiac Physiologists may apply from commencement of employment, provided they meet the relevant qualification and other membership requirements.

Early Career	For eligible Cardiac Physiologists with less than two years of postgraduate experience.	Closed to new applications from 11 November 2026. Existing members may retain this category until the end of their current eligibility period and then transition to Professional Membership if eligible.
Life	Awarded by the Board to Professional Members in recognition of conspicuous contributions and eminence in Cardiac Physiology; no annual subscription.	No change under this resolution. A separate framework may be considered by the Board.
Student	For eligible students undertaking a relevant undergraduate degree in Australia; no annual subscription.	Remains free until 28 February 2027. A \$20 annual subscription applies from 1 March 2027.
Affiliate	Non-voting category for eligible individuals who do not qualify for another category. The current Rules include industry representatives and overseas residents in this category, with a specific clinical-care exception for some industry representatives.	Non-voting category for eligible supporters of PiCSA who do not qualify for another category. All industry representatives are included in this category, regardless of role or access to clinical data. Annual subscription: \$110, with the existing eligible SCT reciprocal fee exemption retained.
International	No separate International category; overseas residents are currently included within Affiliate Membership.	New non-voting category for overseas members, commencing 11 November 2026. Existing overseas members transition to International Membership. Annual subscription: \$110.

3. Proposed subscriptions and voting rights

Membership category	Proposed annual subscription	Voting rights
Professional	\$110	Yes, subject to Rule 13
Early Career — existing members during transition only	\$90	Yes, subject to Rule 13
Life	Free	Yes, subject to Rule 13
Student	Free until 28 February 2027; \$20 from 1 March 2027	No
Affiliate	\$110, with eligible SCT members retaining the reciprocal fee exemption	No
International	\$110	No

Voting eligibility remains subject to Rule 13, including the requirement that more than 10 business days have passed since the member joined and that the member's rights are not suspended.

4. Special resolution

That the amendments to the Rules of Professionals in Cardiac Sciences Australia Inc. relating to membership categories, eligibility, subscriptions and transitional arrangements and composition of Board, as set out in Schedule 1 below, be adopted with effect from 11 November 2026, except where a later commencement date is expressly specified, subject to any approval required by the Registrar.

Schedule 1 — Proposed amendments to the Rules

1. Rule 4 — Definitions

Retain the existing definition of Affiliate Member, updating the cross-reference only if required by the final numbering of Rule 8.

Insert the following definition:

International member means a member referred to in Rule 8(2)(b)(iii).

2. Rule 8 — Who is eligible to be a member

Replace the existing membership categories in Rule 8(2) with the following provisions.

(a) Voting Members

(i) Professional Members

Cardiac Physiologists who hold a relevant bachelor's degree at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 7 or a higher qualification recognised by the Association and are employed as Cardiac Physiologists. Professional Members are encouraged to register with ASAR and/or ACCP, where applicable.

(ii) Early Career Members

No new applications for Early Career Membership will be accepted from 11 November 2026. Existing Early Career Members may retain their membership until the end of their current eligibility period, being the period during which they have less than two years of postgraduate experience in the field. At the end of that period, they may transition to Professional Membership if eligible.

(iii) Life Members

Professional Members to whom Life Membership has been awarded by the Board in recognition of conspicuous contributions and eminence in Cardiac Physiology. Life Members are not required to pay annual membership subscriptions.

The existing conflict-of-interest provision is retained. The Board may require a member to abstain from voting on a specific matter where necessary to manage an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest.

(b) Non-Voting Members

(i) Student Members

Individuals undertaking a relevant undergraduate bachelor's degree at AQF Level 7 with a recognised education provider in Australia, with the intention of becoming Cardiac Physiologists. Student Membership remains free until 28 February 2027. An annual subscription of \$20 applies from 1 March 2027.

(ii) Affiliate Members

Individuals who support the purposes of the Association but do not qualify for another membership category. This category may include prospective Cardiac Physiologists, individuals who do not meet the qualification requirements for Professional Membership, and industry representatives in any role, including clinical or non-clinical roles, product representation, education, research, engineering, corporate leadership, patient-facing roles or roles involving access to non-anonymised patient data.

All industry representatives must be members of the Affiliate category and are not eligible for Professional or Early Career Membership on the basis of their industry role.

The Association may grant Affiliate Membership to members of the Society of Cardiopulmonary Technology (NZ) Ltd (SCT). Eligible SCT members retain the existing reciprocal membership fee exemption.

(iii) International Members

Individuals residing outside Australia who support the purposes of the Association. International Membership is a non-voting category and includes overseas members who would otherwise fall within Affiliate Membership.

International Membership commences on 11 November 2026. Existing overseas members will transition to International Membership from that date, and eligible new applicants may apply for this category. The annual subscription is the same as that for Affiliate Membership.

3. Rule 12 — Annual subscription and fee on joining

Amend Rule 12 and its related provisions to give effect to the following:

- a. The annual subscription for Professional Membership is \$110.
- b. Existing Early Career Members may pay the Early Career subscription of \$90 until the end of their current eligibility period. Members who transition to Professional

Membership will pay the Professional subscription from the date of transition, in accordance with the Association's subscription arrangements.

c. Student Membership remains free until 28 February 2027. The annual subscription of \$20 applies from 1 March 2027.

d. The annual subscription for Affiliate Membership is \$110, subject to the existing reciprocal fee exemption for eligible SCT members.

e. The annual subscription for International Membership is \$110.

f. Life Members remain exempt from annual subscriptions.

Any existing provision allowing a reduced Early Career subscription must be amended or clarified so it is consistent with the transitional arrangements above.

4. Rule 43 - Composition of Board

Increase the number of allowed total Directors to not more than 10 and Elected Directors to 8

Current Rules	Proposed Rules
43. Composition of Board (1) The Board shall consist of not less than four (4) and not more than eight (8) Directors comprising: a. up to 6 Elected Directors; and	43. Composition of Board (1) The Board shall consist of not less than four (4) and not more than ten (10) Directors comprising: a. up to 8 Elected Directors; and

5. Appendix 2 — Membership fees

Replace the relevant fee schedule with the following:

Membership category	Annual subscription
Professional Member	\$110
Early Career Member — existing members during transition only	\$90
Life Member	Free
Student Member	Free until 28 February 2027; \$20 from 1 March 2027
Affiliate Member	\$110, with eligible SCT members retaining the reciprocal fee exemption
International Member	\$110

6. Transitional and commencement arrangements

- a. The revised Professional Membership eligibility, closure of new Early Career applications, revised Affiliate eligibility and introduction of International Membership take effect from 11 November 2026, subject to any required approval.
- b. Existing Early Career Members may remain in that category until the end of their current eligibility period, after which they may transition to Professional Membership if eligible.
- c. Existing overseas members transition from Affiliate to International Membership from 11 November 2026.
- d. Student Membership remains free until 28 February 2027, with the \$20 annual subscription commencing on 1 March 2027.
- e. Affiliate and International Membership subscriptions are \$110 annually, with eligible SCT members retaining the existing reciprocal fee exemption.
- f. All industry representatives are included in Affiliate Membership and are not eligible for Professional or Early Career Membership on the basis of their industry role.
- g. The increase to the number of allowed total Directors and Elected Directors take effect from 11 November 2026
- h. The amendments take effect subject to any approval required by the Registrar.

7. Voting and attachments

Members entitled to vote may vote on the special resolution in accordance with PiCSA's Rules. Voting eligibility and the passage of the special resolution remain subject to the Rules and applicable legislation.

Attachments:

- 1. Schedule 1 — Proposed amendments to the Rules (included above)
- 2. Current PiCSA Rules, updated December 2024
- 3. Meeting details and registration information
- 4. Proxy voting form

Members are encouraged to review the proposed changes before the AGM.