



Life Memberships

What is Life Membership?

Life membership can only be awarded to an **individual** who has made a significant contribution and given meritorious service to the ATC that went above and beyond over a long period of time.

One Life memberships may be awarded by the Australian Tile Council (ATC) at the National AGM each year.

Life membership will be valid from the next calendar year after being granted.

Qualification.

A minimum of 20 years' service to the ATC in a key executive role and/or on an official ATC committee, including being an ATC representative on Australian Standards committees.

Awarding Life membership recognises that the person has made a significant contribution in those roles.

Prerequisites.

Life memberships are awarded to an individual.

The nomination for a Life membership must be endorsed by at least five other ATC members each of whom must have been members of the ATC for a minimum of 10 years.

The nominee and the five endorsees must all be from different companies, cannot be from the same company as the nominated life member and at least two endorsees must come from different states.

Benefits.

All life members will be listed in the history section of the ATC's Life Members section.

Where the recipient is an **individual**, they are not required to pay their annual membership fee or national conference registration fee but retain the full rights of membership.

Where the individual **works for a company or organisation**, other than a national member company or multi-state member, the recipients company or organisation is not required to pay their annual membership fee whilst that individual is in their employ but retain the full rights of membership.

Once the individual leaves their employ –

- The Life membership will remain under the individuals name.
- The company or organisation will recommence paying membership fees and national conference registration fees commencing the year immediately after the individual left.
- If the individual commences employment with another member company or organisation, that member company or organisation would be required to pay their annual membership fee and national conference registration fees.

Where the individual works for a **National member company** or **multi-state member** – the recipients company receives a 20% discount on their annual membership fee and are not required to pay the national conference registration fee, but retain the full rights of membership.

Where a National member or multi-state member employs more than one Life member, a 20% discount on that companies membership will apply for every Life member they employ.

Once the individual leaves their employment –

- The Life membership will remain under the individuals name.
- The company will recommence paying full membership fees and national conference registration fees, commencing the year immediately after the individual left.
- If the individual commences employment with another member company or organisation, that member company or organisation would be required to pay their annual membership fee and national conference registration fees.

How Are Life Memberships Determined and Appointed?

Nominations and supporting case information for Life membership are to be submitted on the ATC Life member nomination form to be tabled to the National Committee prior to the November National Committee general meeting.

Each nomination is to be reviewed at the November meeting and voted on by the National Committee at that meeting.

Life Memberships will be awarded at the National AGM by the National President.

The National Administrator will also notify the successful nominee in writing post the AGM and arrange for their membership status to be upgraded to Life Membership.

Life membership are valid for the next calendar year after being granted.

Where the Life member trades as an **individual** or **sole trader**, once they cease working in the tile industry their membership details shall be removed from the A.T.C's public facing membership lists.

That members name will remain listed in the history section of the A.T.C's Life Members section.

What is the review process for Life Memberships?

Reviews of Life membership may be undertaken at any time should the National Committee become aware of any material breaches to the Code of Conduct or any other activity that a Life member may have undertaken or been a party to or conduct which may adversely impact the Australian Tile Council.

Should there be any just cause for the review of a Life membership, members are to put these forward in writing to the National President where the matter will be discussed and voted upon by the National Committee.

Should the review result in the need to revoke a Life membership, the National President will notify the member in writing along with the reason for revocation.