

Membership Categories Explained

Below is an explanation of the MHCT membership categories. If you are unsure which category suits you or your organisation please contact the Member Services Officer on 03 6224 9222 or email bszlezak@mhct.org

Full Member Organisation

Full membership of MHCT is available to organisations which are non-government and not-for-profit associations, groups, or organised networks that:

- have a stated mission or objectives significantly concerned with mental health; and/or
- serve the needs of primary consumers of mental health services and/or carers.

Full Member Individual

Full membership of MHCT is available to individuals committed to and able to contribute to the purpose and objectives of MHCT, including mental health consumers and carers and individuals working within the not-for-profit mental health sector, but not within government departments or agencies.

Associate Member

Associate membership is available to individuals and organisations that do not qualify for full membership of MHCT but who are committed to and able to contribute to the purpose and objectives of MHCT, including:

- private (for-profit) mental health services and practitioners;
- organisations (not-for-profit and for-profit) and individuals whose work or experience is not significantly concerned with mental health;
- educational institutions; and
- local government.

Membership Fee Structure		
<i>Please use the third column to indicate which category of membership you wish to apply for.</i>		
Full Member Organisation	Fee	✓
Core annual income of less than \$49,999	\$70	
Core annual income of \$50,000-99,000	\$110	
Core annual income of \$100,000-249,999	\$165	
Core annual income of \$250,000-499,999	\$275	
Core annual income of \$500,000-\$1M	\$385	
Core annual income of \$1M-\$2.5M	\$550	
Core annual income of \$2.5M-\$5M	\$715	
Core annual income of \$5M+	\$990	
Full Member Individual	Fee	✓
Waged/Employed	\$70	
Unwaged/Concession	\$20	
Associate Member	Fee	✓
Private mental health service or practitioner <i>(Fee is determined according to core annual income, per table above)</i>	<i>Core annual income:</i> \$.....	
Organisations whose work is not significantly concerned with mental health <i>(Fee is determined according to core annual income, per table above)</i>	<i>Core annual income:</i> \$.....	
Local Government	\$350	
Tertiary Education	\$350	
Primary/Secondary School	\$125	
Individual Waged	\$30	
Individual Unwaged	\$15	

Benefits

Member Benefits and Responsibilities	Non Member	Associate Member	Full Member
Invited to attend all general meetings of members	limited	✓	✓
Opportunities for organisational promotion and involvement in media activity	limited	✓	✓
Professional development opportunities, including subsidised training	limited	✓	✓
Regular updates on issues affecting the community managed mental health sector	✓	✓	✓
Receive timely and accurate information about the activities of MHCT and developments in the Tasmanian and national mental health sectors	✓	✓	✓
Access to mental health information and resources, including opportunities for individual consultation with MHCT staff	limited	✓	✓
Invited to participate in Regional Mental Health Group meetings and Tasmanian Mental Health Network meetings	✓	✓	✓
Contribute to policy positions, collaborate with peers and inform MHCT's work through a range of participative opportunities		✓	✓
Receive discounted registration to MHCT sector events and seminars		✓	✓
Support to promote or acknowledge membership through own networks		✓	✓
Access high-level strategic expertise and shape sector development, including participating in the Tasmanian Mental Health Leaders Forum		limited	✓
Move motions and vote on all matters at general meetings of members, and vote in elections to the Board			✓

Submitting your MHCT Membership Application

Please complete this form and return it to: Level 1, 131a Collins Street, Hobart, 7000 OR email Brittany at bszlezak@mhct.org

Engagement opportunities

Tasmanian Mental Health Leaders Forum

The Tasmanian Mental Health Leaders Forum (TMHLF) is a platform for strategic planning and collaborative action between principal stakeholders within the Tasmanian community mental health sector. Comprised of CEOs and senior managers from MHCT's membership, the group meets quarterly to identify and examine key issues and factors impacting the Tasmanian mental health sector at state and national levels with a view to guiding sustainable sector development. Interested individuals from full member organisations are invited to self-nominate for the TMHLF by contacting MHCT directly.

Sector Networking and Development Events

MHCT provides opportunities for members to network and grow their skills and knowledge about our mental health system, in addition to the Regional meetings and other opportunities listed. These events aim to discuss and progress state and local issues affecting the community mental health sector. Meetings are a mechanism for roundtable debate, information-sharing and collaboration on key sector issues and initiatives.

Regional Mental Health Groups

MHCT partners with local organisations in the south, north and north-west of Tasmania to facilitate Regional Mental Health Group (RMHG) meetings on a triannual basis. The groups provide an interface between the regions and MHCT, ensuring local issues and initiatives are fed into MHCT's strategic and sector planning. MHCT welcomes cross-organisational participation from frontline and executive staff within the sector as well as stakeholders in the broader community, private and public health arenas.

Mental Health In-Touch

In partnership with the National Disability Coordination Officer Program (NDCO), MHCT facilitates biannual meetings of the Mental Health In-Touch (MH In-Touch) network with the goal of supporting people living with a mental illness to access education, training and employment. MHCT welcomes participation from consumers and carers, advocacy groups, mental health service providers, education and training providers, employment agencies and other community stakeholders.

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week takes place annually in October to coincide with World Mental Health Day on the 10th of October. MHCT's Communications Officer is responsible for the promotion of Mental Health Week within Tasmania and oversees both the Mental Health Week steering committee and the annual small grants program for Mental Health Week activities and events, funded by DHHS. Grant applications are assessed by a panel on a merits basis to ensure a fair division of funds across the state. For more information see: www.mhct.org/mentalhealthweek.

MHCT E-News

MHCT distributes a monthly newsletter via email that includes updates on our work and current issues within the sector. Subscription to the E-news is publicly available and full members of MHCT are also eligible to contribute content to the newsletter. See: www.mhct.org/resources/mhct-e-news/.

Policy Submissions

MHCT works to develop sound, evidence-based and sustainable policy positions on issues that impact people living with mental illness and their carers. MHCT reaches out to its members regularly to request input on policy positions and submissions, and welcomes feedback from its members at all times.

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