

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are individuals allowed to join WomanACT General Membership?

Yes. Starting in 2019, individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to furthering WomanACT's Mission, Vision and Values may apply to join the General Membership. For additional information, please refer to our *2019-2020 Individual Membership Application Package and FAQ document*.

What are the WomanACT Organizational Membership requirements?

Organizational membership may include representatives from organizations or categories listed below:

- Organization(s) providing Violence against Women services
- Organization(s) serving Aboriginal peoples
- Organization(s) serving LGBTQ2S communities
- Organization(s) providing training and education
- Organization(s) representing immigrant and visible minority cultural communities.
- Organization(s) serving Women with DisAbilities and Deaf Women.
- Justice system representative (s), i.e., Toronto Police Service, Regional Crown Attorney, Probation and Parole, Victim Witness Assistance Program
- Child Protection Agency ([ies](#))
- Health Care system representative(s), i.e., Toronto Public Health
- Provincial Help Line
- Toronto Social Services
- Toronto Social Housing

Are Associations or Businesses able to join WomanACT's Membership?

Yes. All WomanACT members must be committed to further WomanACT's Mission, Vision, and Values. For greater clarity, the term "organization" may include Non-Profits, Charities, Associations, Businesses, Institutions, and Government.

How do I become a WomanACT Member?

The steps to membership are:

1. Organizations must commit to further WomanACT's Mission, Vision, and Values.
2. Complete and submit our *2019-2020 Organization Membership Application Package* along with your payment. If you are a returning member, your organization will not need to be approved by

WomanACT's Board. A confirmation will follow providing detailed information about WomanACT 2019 Annual General Meeting.

3. If you are a new member, WomanACT staff will follow up to discuss the next steps and membership approval timelines.

Is it possible to transfer my organizational membership?

Membership may not be transferred.

Are WomanACT General Members allowed to join WomanACT's Board of Directors?

Absolutely! As per our organizational By-Laws Article 5.01, at least 6 Directors shall come from the designated organizations or categories mentioned above and up to 5 Directors may be individuals who have supported the Mission, Vision, and Values of WomanACT.

What is the difference between the WomanACT's General Membership and WomanACT's Council?

There is no difference; they are the same group of organizations or sector representatives.

Are WomanACT General Members expected to attend quarterly meetings and the Annual General Meeting?

Yes, WomanACT Members are expected to attend quarterly meetings and the Annual General Meeting. If the main contact person is not available, organizations are encouraged to send a substitute or alternatively, submit their votes via email.

What is the difference between the WomanACT General Membership and the Violence against Women Coordinating Committee (VAWCC)?

The WomanACT General Membership is a critical component of the organization's governance. The support and engagement of WomanACT's Members are important for WomanACT to continue our coordination, community mobilization, and policy work.

The VAWCC is a group that is open to all Toronto Region MCCSS – VAW Program funded organizations and other sectors representatives, when applicable. The main purpose of this group is to strengthen community agencies/services providers collaboration, coordination, integration and inter-sectoral collaboration. VAWCC members do not pay membership to join this group.