



ANMF (Vic Branch) Policy

Consultative status

It is the policy of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch) (ANMF (Vic Branch)) that:

1. Consultative Status is defined as a relationship for the purpose of mutual consultation / dialogue and exchange with a view to sharing expertise, information and resources in areas of mutual interest.

The relationship is entered into and exists because such consultation and dialogue on matters of mutual concern may otherwise be unlikely to occur.

2. Organisations / groups which apply to the ANMF (Vic Branch) for such status must be an autonomous State, Federal or International organisation/group, possessing a constitution, with aims / objectives compatible with those of the ANMF (Vic Branch).

3. Relationship

- 3.1 Inherent in the relationship arising from consultative status is the exchange of information, documentation, and resources. This exchange provides a focus for unity of purpose in achieving common goals.

Each party has the right to choose whether to support the activities or policies of the other party. There is no obligation involved for either group / organisation.

- 3.2 There will be no financial arrangement between the ANMF (Vic Branch) and groups, unless determined by the ANMF (Vic Branch) Council.

- 3.3 Organisations / groups 'in consultative status' with the ANMF (Vic Branch) have the right to use the term 'in consultative status with ANMF (Vic Branch)'.

- 3.4 Either party may refer matters for consideration to the ANMF (Vic Branch) Council.

- 3.5 No voting rights are held by organisations / groups 'in consultation status with ANMF (Vic Branch)', or the ANMF (Vic Branch) with groups.

4. Process

4.1 Groups or organisations seeking consultative status with the ANMF (Vic Branch) must apply formally to the ANMF (Vic Branch) Council, using the prescribed application form (see attached) and in addition must submit copies of the following from their group:

- (a) Constitution
- (b) By laws
- (c) Aims / objectives
- (d) Policies
- (e) Copy of latest Annual Report

Applications will be considered by and determined by the ANMF (Vic Branch) Council.

4.2 Each group will advise each other of any changes to their constitution, aims/objectives or major policies within one (1) month of the change occurring.

4.3 To terminate the relationship either party may at any time it sees fit revoke the formal relationship through a decision of their council/executive, following one (1) month's notice by either group / organisation.