

THE PROGRESS PARTY

BYE LAWS

MEMBERSHIP RULES

Applications

An application for membership shall be made in writing (either in manuscript or electronically) via an application form ("**Application Form**").

The Application Form will include:

- 1 the name of the person applying for membership status (the "**Applicant**");
- 2 the type of membership applying for;
- 3 an agreement to abide by the provisions of the Constitution;
- 4 an agreement to pay such subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Party;
- 5 the names of other political parties the Applicant belongs to or is affiliated to anywhere in the world; and
- 6 such other provisions as the Executive Committee may consider appropriate from time to time.

The Application Form will be made available on the website or obtained by request to the Secretary or as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

Determination of applications

All applications for membership of the Party will be considered by the Party Chair and two Members appointed by the Executive Committee (the "**Membership Panel**").

The two members appointed to the Membership Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment each year for a maximum of 3 years.

The Membership Panel shall meet from time to time as required to consider applications for membership.

If the Membership Panel is satisfied that an Applicant is suitable and or entitled to be such a member, it shall grant his or her application subject to the Probationary Period as defined herein.

The Membership Panel may refuse to grant any application for membership on the following basis:

- 1 the Applicant has not completed the Application form appropriately;
- 2 the Applicant is or has been a member of another political party;
- 3 the Membership Panel considers the Applicant will not uphold the Objectives and Values of the Party;

4 the Applicant is not acceptable as a member of the Party due to his or her past conduct and is likely to bring the Party into disrepute

Appeal against a refusal to permit an Applicant becoming a member

An Applicant shall have a right of appeal to the membership appeal panel consisting of three members of the Executive Committee (the “Membership Appeal Panel”).

One of the members of the Membership Appeal Panel shall be the Leader who shall be the chair and the others shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Save for the Leader whose position is permanent the other two members appointed to the Membership Appeal Panel shall be eligible for re-appointment each year for a maximum of 3 years.

The appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary within 5 days of written notification to the Applicant of the Membership Panel’s decision not to accept the Applicant as a member.

The Secretary shall arrange for the Membership Appeal Panel to be convened within 5 working days of the appeal being lodged to consider it.

On considering the Appeal the Membership Appeal Panel sitting alone may reject or uphold the decision of the Membership Committee.

There is no further right of appeal.

New Member’s Probation Period

Save for the transitional period acceptance as a new member will be conditional upon passing a probationary period of 3 months from acceptance as a Member of the Party (the “**Probationary Period**”).

Where information is supplied but is later found to have been incorrect in any material respect, or if it is found that any material information was withheld, membership may be withdrawn.

If membership is withdrawn the Applicant has the right to appeal in writing and this to the Secretary within 5 working days of the Applicant receiving notice from the Membership Committee of said decision.

Types of Member

In addition to its founding Members, the Party has the following types of Members –

- (a) Members;
- (b) Youth Members;

Voting Rights of Members

- (a) Members are entitled to vote on all issues or motions of the Party (subject to probationary period, Termination of Membership or Suspension of Membership provisions).
- (b) Youth Members while not entitled to vote on issues or motions of the Party they are entitled to be heard and provide opinion at general meetings of the Party.

Save for founding Members, all Members shall be subject to the Probationary Period.

Membership List

Each Member's details shall be entered onto the Membership List by the Secretary.

The Membership List will include:

- 1 the name of the Member;
- 2 the type of membership;
- 3 the status of membership (i.e., the date of joining, the date of termination, member: probation/live/ suspension details); and
- 4 such other details as the Secretary may consider appropriate from time to time.

Obligations upon Members

Members shall not behave in a manner which has or is likely to bring the Party into disrepute

Members shall abide by the Constitution and the bye-laws;

Members shall pay the Subscription fee; and

failure to do so may result in disciplinary action against that Member

Membership Termination

A Member may resign at any time by notice in writing delivered to the Secretary.

Obligation of member who ceases to be or is suspended as a Member

A Member –

- (a) who resigns as a Member;
- (b) who is expelled as a Member;
- (c) who is suspended from the Party;

must not hold out (or otherwise suggest) to be a Member of the Party whether in written or oral form.

Suspension of membership for non-payment of charges

If a Member does not pay within 10 working days of demand money that is due by him or her to the Party under the Constitution or under these bye-laws, the Secretary shall notify the member that the fee has not been received by the Party.

If the Member does not pay that money within a further 5 working days of demand, the Secretary shall report that fact to the Executive Committee and that Member will be deemed suspended from the Party.

After giving the suspended Member a further opportunity to pay the money that is due and such is not forthcoming, the Executive Committee may then terminate his or her membership.

Impact on member who ceases to be or is suspended as a Member

A member who either resigns or is suspended will have their name removed from the Membership List

For a suspended member their name will be reinstated if and when the suspension ends

All membership lists and other information shall be held by the Party in accordance with Data Protection law in place from time to time.

Bye-laws adopted at the inaugural AGM 1 December 2021