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Australian Association of Former International Civil Servants (AAFICS)



*If you receive, or will
eventually receive, a
UNJSPF pension you
should join our
Association*

**Why do we strongly
recommend this?**

Why You Need to Join Now

AAFICS represents retired officials from the United Nations and its agencies and funds. We offer a link to other UN retirees through occasional social events, as well as contacts for information and advice about retirement in Australia.

We are affiliated to FAFICS, the Federation of 63 associations like ours and an essential source of advice on pension-related-issues and on after-service-health insurance schemes. In representing our retirees, we are required to interact with the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF), FAFICS and the Australian Government.

There are over 620 UNJSPF beneficiaries in Australia of whom 260 are members of AAFICS. To become a stronger and more effective negotiating body, we need all Australian UNJSPF retirees to become members; the more members, the more credible our voice. AAFICS is only as strong as the membership numbers and their involvement.

Experience shows that as we age we all become increasingly challenged with technological change. UNJSPF is increasingly using self-service automated systems. AAFICS can be of invaluable help in contacting UNJSPF if pensions are delayed or wrongly calculated. Australian UNJSPF retirees need a representative organisation ensuring their interests are addressed e.g. taxation, health insurance, and establishing communication channels with UNJSPF and Government.

Even if you are not retiring yet, many of the issues AAFICS strives to rectify can help you in retirement. It is therefore very important that you join AAFICS as soon as possible to be part of the consultative input and support process and be informed of developments.

Remember, we receive no funding from the UN, so as a membership-funded Association, we need YOUR support for us to support YOU.

Summary of Main Benefits to Members:

- Knowledge of the UN Pension Fund and how it relates to Australian legislation on taxation, health insurance and other issues.
- Close contact with FAFICS for support of our operations/relationship with UNJSPF.
- Up-to-date information for UN Australian retirees through the AAFICS newsletter and direct contact through the AAFICS President and AAFICS State Coordinators.
- Assistance to new members with various procedural processes needed when resettling into Australia and claiming the UNJSPF pension.
- An authoritative and collective voice for direct contact with UNJSPF and Federal Government to seek fairer treatment of all AAFICS members compared to our fellow Australian retirees.
- Point of social contact for UN retirees in Australia and overseas, through statewide meetings, dinners, action points etc.
- AAFICS is a conduit for UNJSPF to contact members who have not sent in their annual Certificate of Entitlement (CE). Timely mailing of this signed document by recipients is essential to ensure continued pension payments.
- Assistance to members of increasing advanced age and/or infirmity with limited understanding of changing technological and informational requirements of UNJSPF.
- Assistance to surviving spouses or dependents who may not be familiar with the UN system.

Australian Association of Former International Civil Servants Membership Application

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Aud\$</u>
Lifetime Membership (Includes Spouse/Partner)	140.00

Name of Retiree:

Name of Spouse/Partner:

Current Address:

Phone/s:

Email Address:

Former UN Agency:

Signature:

**Next of Kin Contact
Name and No.:**

Payment should be made directly to the AAFICS account as follows:

**Commonwealth Bank of Australia
University of NSW Branch
BSB No. 06 2303
Account No. 10303262**

Please submit this application form either online to;
australia.afics@gmail.com

Or mail to:

AAFICS, 52 Cowper Street, Ainslie, ACT 2602,
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