

**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 recommend this?**

AAFICS represents Australian 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 (ASHI) schemes. In representing our retirees, we interact with the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF), FAFICS and, when necessary, the Australian Government.

There are well over 650 UNJSPF beneficiaries in Australia and many 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 can become challenged with technological change. The UNJSPF is increasingly using self-service automated systems. AAFICS can be of invaluable help in contacting the UNJSPF if pensions are delayed or wrongly calculated. Australian UNJSPF retirees need a representative organisation ensuring that their interests, such as taxation and health insurance issues, are addressed, as well as establishing communication channels with the UNJSPF.

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.

AAFICS receives no funding from the UN, so as a membership-funded Association, we seek your support so that we can support you.

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## Summary of Main Benefits to Members

- ✓ Access to a dedicated AAFICS State Coordinator in each Australian capital city.
- ✓ Knowledge of the UN Joint Staff 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 the UNJSPF.
- ✓ Up-to-date information for UN Australian retirees through the biannual *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 the UNJSPF and federal Government to seek fairer treatment of all AAFICS members in line with those afforded our fellow Australian retirees.
- ✓ Point of social contact for UN retirees in Australia and overseas, through Statewide meetings, lunches/dinners, action points etc.
- ✓ AAFICS is a conduit for the UNJSPF to contact members who have not sent in their annual Certificate of Entitlement (COE). Timely mailing of the 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 the UNJSPF.
- ✓ Assistance to surviving spouses or dependents who may not be familiar with the UN system.

## Membership Application

**Please provide the following information:**

Name of retiree:

Former UN agency:

Name of spouse/partner:

Current address:

E-mail address:

Phone/s:

Lifetime Membership fee (includes spouse/partner)      A\$140.00

Please pay directly to the AAFICS Bank Account:

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

Kindly submit your application details online to [aaficspresident@yahoo.com](mailto:aaficspresident@yahoo.com)



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