

Women With Disabilities Australia

Full Membership Form

Easy Read version

How to use this form

Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA) wrote this form. When you see the word 'we', it means WWDA.

We have written this form in an easy to read way.

We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean. There is a list of these words on page 9.

This Easy Read form is a summary of another form. This means it only includes the most important information.

You can find the other form on our website at <https://wwda.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member/>

You can ask for help to read this form. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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Who are we?

We are a Disabled People's Organisation and a National Women's **Alliance**.

This means we are:

- run by women and girls with disability
- for women and girls with disability.

Our aim is to make life better for women and girls with disability in Australia.

We support women to take part in:

- the community
- politics
- their **culture**.

Your culture is:

- your way of life
- how you think or act because of the way you grew up.

We speak up for women and girls with disability in Australia by:

- talking to government about women with disability
- telling others how women with disability can be supported
- creating information resources
- doing research.

These are called our objectives.

What we need from you

You can fill out the form below to join WWDA.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

You can tell us as much about yourself as you want.

But you don't have to tell us everything if you don't want.

The information you give us helps us work out if there is an event near you that we should tell you about.

It will help us to know things like:

- your age
- where you live.

You don't have to tell us about your disability.

We will keep your information safe and will not share it unless you tell us to.

You can find out more about how we keep your information safe in our [Privacy Policy](#).

About Full Membership

Full membership is open to all women with disability in Australia.

When you **identify as** something, you say that you belong to a certain group of people.

Full membership is open to people who identify as:

- woman
- **non-binary** – you don't identify as male or female
- **gender diverse** – when you have a **gender** identity that is different from the sex assigned to you at birth. This includes **feminine-identifying** people.

This dot * means you need to answer the question.

Information about you

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Email*:

Phone*:

Address*:

Street Address:

Address Line 2:

City:

State/Province/Region:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Country:

Date of birth*:

Do you identify as a woman, non-binary or feminine-identifying person?*

☐ Yes - I am a woman, non-binary or feminine-identifying person.

Are you someone with transgender or gender-diverse experience?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

Do you identify as being part of the **LGBTQIA+SB** community?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

Do you identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

☐ Yes, I identify as Aboriginal

☐ Yes, I identify as Torres Strait Islander

☐ Yes, I am Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

Do you come from a **culturally and linguistically diverse** background?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

Do you come from a **migrant** or **refugee** background?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What best describes your disability? You can choose more than one.*

- ☐ **Neurodivergent** (for example: Autism, ADHD, Tourette syndrome)
- ☐ **Intellectual disability** (for example: Down syndrome, Fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, foetal alcohol spectrum disorder)
- ☐ **Acquired/traumatic brain injury** (for example: brain injury due to accident, stroke, illness, violence or other trauma)
- ☐ **Dementia** (for example: Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia)
- ☐ **Psychosocial disability** (for example: mental health condition/s, mental health service users)
- ☐ **Neurodegenerative disability** (for example: multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease)
- ☐ **Physical disability** (for example: cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, limb or facial difference, amputation)
- ☐ Blind or low-vision
- ☐ Deaf or hard of hearing
- ☐ Other:

Do you live with one or more **chronic health conditions**?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say.

Are you a participant in one or more of the following: *

- ☐ NDIS
- ☐ Aged Care
- ☐ Receive disability support pension
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Not listed here
- ☐ Prefer not to say.

Can WWDA contact you about your experiences to support our advocacy work? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Your membership

We understand that some members may complete this form themselves, while others may need help from a carer, support person or representative. Both are recognised and accepted.

- ☐ I understand the conditions of WWDA's membership requirements.*
- ☐ I confirm that I am eligible to join WWDA.*
- ☐ I agree to WWDA's Privacy Policy.* [Click here to read the privacy policy.](#)
- ☐ I consent to my name and membership details being included on WWDA's membership register.*
- ☐ I confirm that I agree with WWDA's aims and objectives, and wish to join as a Full Member.*

Do you want to receive marketing emails from WWDA?

- ☐ Yes, I consent
- ☐ No, I do not want marketing emails.

Your signature:

Date:

How to send us your Membership Form

You can send your Membership Form in an email to:

Members@wwda.org.au

Other ways to join WWDA

If you don't want to fill out this Membership Form, there are other ways you can join.

You can go to our website at <https://wwda.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member/>

You can also join our WWDA Community Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/ WWDACommunity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWDACommunity)

You can subscribe to our newsletter at <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/i/3EFACB3E29DB8E55>

Word list

Alliance

An alliance is when different people and voices join to make a change.

In Australia, the National Women's Alliances are a group of 6 organisations that speak up for different women. WWDA is the Alliance that speaks up for women and girls with a disability.

Chronic health condition or medical condition

This means you have a condition can cause pain or illness that doesn't go away.

Many chronic health conditions are invisible, and you can't see them by looking at people. Things like arthritis and endometriosis are chronic health conditions.

Culture

Your culture is:

- your way of life
- the way you think or act because of the way you grew up.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

This means you may:

- come from a different culture or place
- have a different religion to Christianity
- speak a different language to English.

Feminine-identifying

This describes anyone who feels a personal connection to being a woman, a girl, or feminine. This can include women, and people who are transgender, non-binary or gender fluid.

Gender

Your gender is what you understand about who you are as a person. It isn't about whether your body parts are male or female.

Gender diverse

When you have a gender identity that is different from the sex assigned to you at birth. This includes transgender people.

Identify as

When you identify as something, you say that you belong to a certain group of people.

Intellectual disability

This means you have a disability that makes it hard to think and you need support.

LGBTQIA+SB

This is an acronym of letters for people who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual, including Sistagirl and Brotherboy, and other genders or sexual orientations.

Migrant

This means you moved to Australia. You moved from a different country.

Neurodegenerative disability

This means you have a disability that means you may slowly lose the ability to move, function or feel in some areas or your full body. This

includes multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's disease and Huntington's disease.

Neurodivergent

This means you are Autistic, have ADHD, dyslexia, Tourettes, Epilepsy and other types of differences in the way your brain works.

Non-binary

A person who doesn't identify as male or female.

Physical disability

This means you have a disability that changes your body and how you move. You might use a wheelchair, a walking stick or frame.

Psychosocial disability

This means you have a disability like depression, schizophrenia or anxiety. Some people call these things mental illnesses.

Refugee

This is someone who came to Australia to be safe.

Transgender

This means someone identifies with the opposite sex from their assigned sex at birth.

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