

United Conservative Party

MEMBERSHIP RULES AND PROCEDURES

APPLICATION

1. These Rules are supplemental to the provisions of Article 4 of the Bylaws.

DEFINITIONS

2. In these Rules
 - (a) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Party, and includes the Interim Joint Board,
 - (b) "Bylaws" means the bylaws of the Party,
 - (c) "cause" includes any act or omission that causes harm to the Party or a Member or brings the Party into disrepute,
 - (d) "Constituency Association" means a constituency association affiliated with the Party,
 - (e) "Executive Director" means the executive director of the Party,
 - (f) "Leader" means the leader of the Party,
 - (g) "Member" means a member of the Party as defined in Article 4 of the Bylaws and whose name appears
 - (i) on a valid, official current membership card,
 - (ii) on the Party's official membership list, or
 - (iii) on the roll of honorary and lifetime members.
 - (h) "Party" means the United Conservative Association and the United Conservative Party, and
 - (i) "Rules" means the Membership Rules and Procedures.
3. Other terms defined in the Bylaws shall have the same meaning in these Rules.

PERSONS REQUIRED TO BE MEMBERS

4. The Leader, every member of the Board, every member of a Constituency Association

board, every member of Caucus, every Party officer, every person who serves on a committee of the Board, Party or a Constituency Association, every contestant in Party nomination contests, every contestant for the leadership of the Party, and every nominated candidate of the Party shall maintain a current membership in the Party.

5. The membership of a person is deemed to be continuous where the membership of that person has lapsed or expired and the person applies for and is accepted as a member within 30 days.

HONOURARY AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

6. The Board may grant honorary or lifetime memberships to persons who have provided distinguished service to the Party, the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, the Wildrose Party, the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, the Reform Party of Canada or the Conservative Party of Canada.

SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7. The Executive Director may suspend, for cause, the membership of any Member, except Members referred to section 1 of the Code of Conduct, for up to 30 days.
8. During an election campaign, the Leader may suspend, for cause, the membership of any Member for the duration of the election campaign.
9. The Board may revoke the membership of any Member whose membership has been suspended pursuant to sections 7 or 8.
10. A person whose membership has been revoked may apply to the Board to have the revocation set aside.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY

11. The Executive Director may
 - (a) establish procedures for the processing of applications for membership including the collection and deposit of membership fees,
 - (b) provide for membership application forms,
 - (c) provide for membership cards and lists,
 - (d) establish procedures for any matter related to the suspension or revocation of memberships under sections 7, 8 and 9,

- (e) establish procedures for applications under section 10,
- (f) establish procedures for the verification of memberships in leadership or nomination contests, and
- (g) maintain a roll of honorary and lifetime members.