



Changes to the State Forms

On August 1, 2014 a number of State Forms were updated and changed on the Scouts Australia NSW website. These changes were recommended by the Chief Commissioner in consultation with his Region and State Team. There were two key reasons for the changes: 1) to better align Scouts Australia NSW with the other Scouting states and National and 2) to be able to make more informed decisions about our applicant Leaders.

What differences will we see?

The most recognisable difference is in the naming convention of the Adult Membership Forms – currently “W” forms. As of August 1, 2014, these forms are now coded with and “A”.

This, of course, means that the current Activity Notification Forms or “A” forms have been renamed. The Activity Notification forms have been renamed to “E” forms.

Are there changes to the content of the Adult Membership Forms?

Yes, in addition to the renaming these forms, there are some changes to the content. The forms require more information from candidates who wish to apply to become a Leader in Scouting. This information allows Scouts Australia NSW to make a more informed decision about the applicants.

The new Adult Membership Form must be used as of Friday August 1, 2014.

Are there any new forms?

Yes, there is a new form. A new Adult Helper (non-uniform) Application, the A2 Form, has been introduced to recognise those parents and carers who serve in key roles on the Group Committee – Chair/President, Secretary, Treasurer. In addition, this form is to be used for those parents and carers who help out on a ***regular and consistent basis*** in the hall and/or on camps.

The Adult Helper will be added into the Scout database and given a membership number – however, there are **NO fees** associated with this role.

Are there any other forms or changes that should be noted?

Yes, the following forms and Leader Support Guides have been updated to help better communicate Scouting policies to parents:

Y1 – changes to the Parent/Caregiver Authority and the Child Protection Guide has been included in the Y1 document. It is no longer a separate document to download and print.

Y2 – Transfers must be approved by the District Commissioner or Region Commissioner.

LSG 29 – Language Changes to reflect AGM to APR.

LSG 31 – Language updates to reflect the change in form number.