# Women With Disabilities Australia

## 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 [www.wwda.org.au/
wwda-member/](http://www.wwda.org.au/wwda-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](https://wwda.org.au/privacy/).

## What membership type do you want?

**There are 2 types of memberships to choose from:**

* **a Full membership**
* **an Associate 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:

* **non-binary** – you don’t identify as male or female
* **gender fluid** – when you don’t identify only as man or woman but can move between the two, or other genders over time.

Your gender is what you understand about who you are as a person and who you feel you are.

It isn’t about whether your body is male or female.

**Associate membership** is open to:

* organisations in Australia
* people without disability in Australia who identify as:
	+ women
	+ non-binary
	+ gender fluid.

Our memberships are free.

**Please tick the box to choose the membership you want.**

[ ]  **Full membership**

[ ]  **Associate membership**

## Information about you

Your first name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your last name: Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your gender or what do you identify as?

For example, female, gender fluid, transgender woman or non-binary?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Your address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

What best describes you?

[ ]  I am a woman, non-binary or gender fluid person with a disability.

[ ]  I am a person who works with women with disability.

[ ]  I am a parent, carer or family member of a woman or girl
with disability.

[ ]  Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

[ ]  I am a parent, carer or family member of a woman or girl
with disability.

[ ]  **Cognitive/Intellectual disability**

[ ]  **Neurodivergent**

[ ]  **Psychosocial disability/Mental illness**

[ ]  **Physical disability**

[ ]  **Chronic illness or medical condition**

[ ]  Blind or vision impaired

[ ]  D/deaf or hard of hearing

[ ]  Prefer Not to Say

[ ]  I do not have a disability

[ ]  Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

Tick any that are you. You can choose more than one.

[ ]  Email

[ ]  Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

[ ]  **Culturally, Ethnically, Religiously and Linguistically Diverse**

[ ]  Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and/or Asexual **(LGBTIQA+)**

[ ]  Living in a **rural, regional or remote community**

[ ]  **Migrant** or **Refugee**

[ ]  Living/have previously lived on a **temporary visa**

[ ]  Living in **poverty**

[ ]  Have an experience of **foster, kinship or residential care**

[ ]  Have an experience **of incarceration, institutionalisation or detention**

[ ]  Have experience in the **sex work industry**

[ ]  **Victim-survivor** **of gender-based** **violence**

[ ]  Prefer Not to Say

[ ]  Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

### What is the best way to contact you?

[ ]  Email

[ ]  Text message

[ ]  Phone call

[ ]  Post

### Do you want to take part in events as a WWDA member?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

### Do you want to get emails from WWDA?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

### Do you agree with our [**Privacy Policy**](https://wwda.org.au/privacy/)?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

### Do you agree with our aims and objectives?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Please write it in the box below.
Click or tap here to enter text.

Your signature: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

## How to send us your Membership Form

You can send your Membership Form in an email to: officeadmin@wwda.org.au

You can post your Membership Form to:

Women With Disabilities Australia

PO Box 407

Lenah Valley

Tasmania, 7008

## 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 phone us on **0438 535 123**.

You can send an email to officeadmin@wwda.org.au

You can go to our website at [wwda.org.au/join-wwda/
wwda-member/](http://www.wwda.org.au/join-wwda/wwda-member/)

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

## How you can support us

Your membership is free, but we are happy when people donate money.

Any amount of money can help us do our important work.

You can donate at wwda.org.au /join-wwda/donate-to-wwda/

You can also contact us to donate by:

* bank transfer
* cheque
* money order.

Email: officeadmin@wwda.org.au

**Phone: 0438 535 123**

## Word list

**Alliance**

**An alliance is when different people and voices join together to make 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 illness or medical condition**

This means you have a a condition can cause pain or illness that doesn’t go away.
Many chronic illnesses are invisible and you can’t see them by looking at people. Things like arthritis and endometriosis are chronic illnesses.

**Cognitive/Intellectual disability**

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

**Culture**

Your culture is:

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

**Culturally, Ethnically, Religiously 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.

**Foster, kinship or residential care**

This means you have lived somewhere without your birth family, like with a foster family or an Aunty or Uncle.

**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-based violence**

This is when a person hurts you because of your gender. There are many different types of violence, such as when people hit you, control you or say mean things to you. A person may use more than 1 sort of violence on you.

**Gender fluid**

When you don’t identify only as man or woman but can move between the two, or other genders over time.

**Identify as**

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

**Incarceration, institutionalisation and detention**

This means you have been locked away in a place like a prison, psychiatric ward or group home.

**LGBTIQA+**

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

Read it in Easy English.

Go to **www.oursite.wwda.org.au**

Open the search window.

Type **WWDA Easy English Book.**

**What is LBTIQA+?**

**Migrant**

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

**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.

**Poverty**

This means you don’t have much money for important things, like foods, clothes or medications.

**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.

**Rural, regional or remote**

**This means you are far from a big city. Like you live on a farm or you live in the country.**

**Sex work industry**

**This means you get paid to have sex or or provide sex based services for other people.**

**Temporary visa**

**This means you are in Australia for a short time. You will go back to your country.**

**Victim-survivor**

This means you have experienced violence and been hurt because of your gender.

Some people say they are a **victim** of violence. This means you have been hurt and focus on how someone had power over you.

Some people say they are a **survivor** of violence. This means you have been hurt and focus on how you have survived.

We use both **victim-survivor** to respect how people see themselves.

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