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SID 130/15 – Provincial Appointment Descriptions
SID 141/16 – Position Description - Growth and Sustainability Coordinator
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1. Categories of Member

1. Scouts
2. Scouters
3. Associate Members
4. Honorary Members

2. Basic Membership requirements

For a Scout:

1. Makes the commitment of the Scout Promise
2. Is aged from 6 years to 25 years and wears the scout uniform
3. Receives the Youth Programme
4. Is registered

For a Scouter:

1. Makes the commitment of the Scout Promise
2. Is an adult and wears the scout uniform
3. Delivers the Youth Programme or holds an Appointment
4. Is registered

For an Associate Member:

1. Is a registered adult

For an Honorary Member:

1. Conferred by the National Council

Members are youth members or adult members.

An Associate Member is an adult member who wishes to be associated with the work of Scouting Ireland, for example as a supporter, parent, representative of a sponsoring authority, treasurer, secretary or adviser. An Associate Member does not wear a uniform and is not required to make the commitment of the Scout Promise.

An Associate Member cannot hold certain Appointments of Scouting Ireland.

3. How to become a member

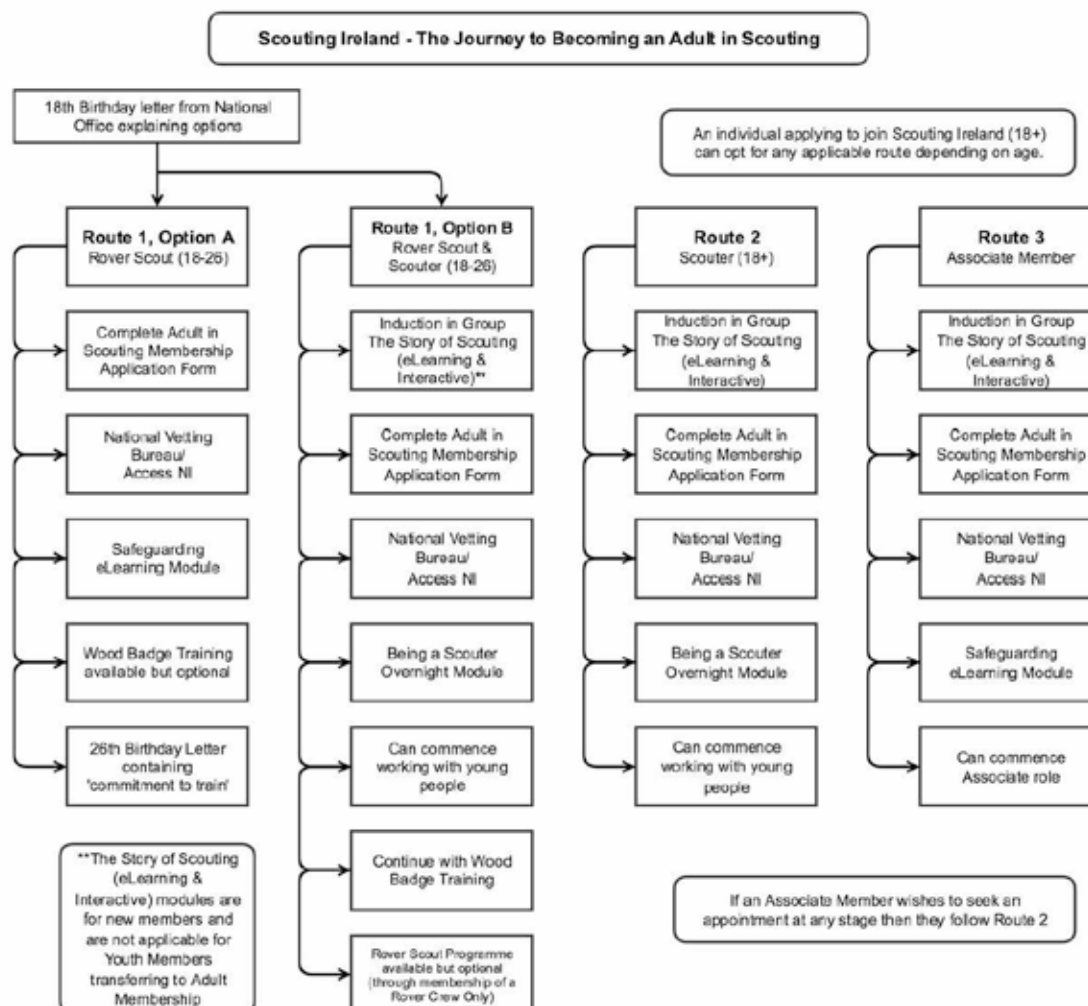
A youth member

An individual makes an application to be a youth member of Scouting Ireland by presenting him/herself to a Group Scouter or completing the appropriate application form and giving same to a Group Scouter. The Group Scouter takes the necessary details and if the application is successful adds the details to the Register maintained by the Scout Group. The Group Leader forwards new additions to the Group Register to the National Secretary by updating the Groups on line records within six weeks of the addition of the new member to the Group Register.

An adult member

An individual who wishes to be considered for adult membership must complete and return the appropriate membership application form (SIF1) and undergo the relevant vetting

process in accordance with the procedure approved by the National Management Committee (see flowchart below).



4. Termination of Membership

Termination of membership shall be in accordance with the Rules of Scouting Ireland and will be by reason of:

- a. Expulsion
 - b. Resignation
 - c. Non-payment of membership fee
 - d. Failure to register as a member annually
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- i. Expulsion shall be in accordance with the Rules of Scouting Ireland and will be by reason of grounds of misconduct; or
 - ii. Acts not in accordance with the Scout Promise; or
 - iii. Breach of any terms or conditions attaching to membership of Scouting Ireland.

Expulsion is by notice in writing signed on behalf of the National Management Committee.

In accordance with the Rules of Scouting Ireland there is a right of appeal against any decision made under this section.

5. The distinction between Membership and Appointment

The general minimum age requirement for an Appointment in Scouting Ireland is 18 years. The age requirement for the Programme Scouter Appointment must be greater than the maximum age for youth members in the relevant Programme Section.

A member need not hold an Appointment but the holder of an Appointment must always be a member.

The resignation or withdrawal of an Appointment is not alone a termination of membership.

6. The Appointments

1. The Appointments of Scouting Ireland are:

APPOINTMENT	MADE BY and TERM
Group: Programme Scouters (For specific Programme Section)	Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) No specific term
Group Leader (GL)	Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) 3 years, with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years and further ongoing yearly reappointments
Deputy Group Leader	Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) Concurrent with GL
Group Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain	Group Council Renewable annually
Group Quartermaster/Bo'sun	Group Council Renewable annually
Group Trainer	Group Council Concurrent with GL
County: County Commissioner (CC)	Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Deputy County Commissioner	Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) Concurrent with CC
County Spiritual/Religious Advisor/Chaplain	County Management

	Committee 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
County Programme Co-ordinator	County Management Committee Concurrent with CC
County Training Co-ordinator	County Management Committee Concurrent with CC
Province: Provincial Commissioner (PC)	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Provincial Training Co-ordinator	Provincial Management/Support Team Concurrent with PC
Provincial International Co-ordinator	Provincial Management/Support Team Concurrent with PC
Provincial Adult Resources Representative	Provincial Management/Support Team Concurrent with PC
Provincial Youth Programme Representative	Provincial Management/Support Team Concurrent with PC
Provincial Treasurer	Provincial Management/Support Team Concurrent with PC
National: Chief Scout	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme) (CC(YP))	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) (CC(AR))	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
National Secretary	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a

	second term of 3 years
National Treasurer	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Programme Commissioner	National Management Committee Concurrent with CC(YP)
Training Commissioner	National Management Committee Concurrent with CC(AR)
International Commissioner	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Communications Commissioner	National Council 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Camp Chief: National Campsite/ Scout Centre	National Management Committee 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
Team Lead Campsites/Facilities	National Management Committee 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years

2. Other Positions in Scouting Ireland include:

Group Chairperson	Group Council Renewable annually
Group Secretary	Group Council Renewable annually
Group Treasurer	Group Council Renewable annually
County Chairperson	County Board 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
County Secretary	County Board 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second term of 3 years
County Treasurer	County Board 3 years with a possible reappointment for a second

	term of 3 years
Provincial Secretary	Provincial Management/ Support Team Concurrent with PC
Members of the National Spiritual/Religious Advisory Panel	National Management Committee Renewable annually
Members of the National Campsite/Scout Centre Management Committee	National Management Committee Concurrent with the Camp Chief

Any Appointments made by the Scout Group Council, Scout County Management Committee, Scout County Board, Provincial Management/Support Team, the National Management Committee and the National Council will be recorded in the minutes of the appropriate body. The Secretary of the appointing body should notify the National Secretary of the Appointment.

Provincial Appointments are made in accordance with the Rules of Scouting Ireland and should be recorded in the minutes of the relevant Provincial Management/Support Team. The Provincial Management/Support Team should notify the National Secretary of the Appointment.

Any Appointments made by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) shall be made following receipt of the appropriate Appointment application form and the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) should notify the National Secretary of any Appointments made.

The Appointment Application procedure is currently as follows:

For Appointments made by the Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources):

- An application for an Appointment is incorporated in the Adult Membership application form (SIF1). This will always be the case for Programme Scouter applications.
- For Programme Scouters, nominated by the Group Council and approved by the Group Leader, the application for Appointment (which must include the part of the Youth Programme which the applicant hopes to deliver), is made to the County Commissioner for consideration.
- For Group Leaders/Deputy Group Leaders, nominated by the Group Council and recommended by the County Commissioner, the applications for Appointment are forwarded to Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) for consideration and approval.
- For County Commissioner/Deputy County Commissioners, nominated by the County Board, (and recommended by the County Commissioner in the case of Deputy County Commissioners) the applications for Appointment are forwarded to Chief Commissioner (Adult Resources) for consideration and approval.
- All Appointments are subject to:
 - i. The Constitution & Rules.

- ii. Completing the application procedures.
- iii. Undertaking the necessary Adult Training for that Appointment.

7. Cancellation, Withdrawal or Suspension of Appointments and Positions

The National Management Committee may cancel, withdraw or suspend all Appointments and/or Positions within Scouting Ireland.

Otherwise, Appointments or Positions must be cancelled, withdrawn or suspended in accordance with the Rules of Scouting Ireland.

The grounds for cancellation, withdrawal or suspension of an Appointment or Position shall include, inter alia, where the holder of the Appointment or Position fails to render satisfactory service to Scouting Ireland or becomes unfit to have charge of youth members.

In accordance with the Rules of Scouting Ireland there is a right of appeal against any decision made under this section.

8. Annual Registration

A Scout Group registers each year by completing the annual registration process (online) in accordance with the appropriate procedures as laid down in the Rules of Scouting Ireland. Once complete, the appropriate Scout Group registration fee, in total, (as indicated at the end of the online statement) should be immediately forwarded to National Office.

The County Commissioner or County Secretary completes the annual registration process (online) for all members of the Scout County Management Committee and once complete, the appropriate registration fee, in total, (as indicated at the end of the online statement) should be immediately forwarded to National Office.

The Provincial Commissioner or Provincial Secretary completes the annual registration process (online) for all members of the Provincial Management/Support Team and once complete, the appropriate registration fee, in total, (as indicated at the end of the online statement) should be immediately forwarded to National Office.

The Programme Commissioners, Training Commissioner and International Commissioner completes the annual registration process (online) for all members of his/her respective Teams and once complete, the appropriate registration fee, in total, (as indicated at the end of the online statement) should be immediately forwarded to National Office.

The Campsite/Scout Centre Camp Chief completes the annual registration process (online) for all members of the Campsite/Scout Centre Management Committee and once complete, the appropriate registration fee, in total, (as indicated at the end of the online statement) should be immediately forwarded to National Office.

Any other adult member must complete the Annual Registration Form, provided by the National Office and forward it with the appropriate registration fee to the National Office.