

Notes for Applicants

For affiliation with The Federation of Victorian Film Societies



www.fvfs.org.au

The following information is for organisations wishing to apply for affiliation with The Federation of Victorian Film Societies (FVFS) for the current and/or next calendar year, both NEW and RENEWING. To be admitted as a member of the FVFS an organization must have a focus on film culture, have appropriate aims and rules and be a not-for-profit organization with any surplus kept within the organization.

For preference use the simpler electronic application forms on the website www.fvfs.org.au. Relevant guidance is provided throughout the forms.

1. Applying for affiliation as a Film Society.

1.1 A film society must screen films to members, be not-for-profit, have an acceptable constitution (ie rules) and have an up-to-date register of individual members.

A copy of your latest rules must be supplied with your application unless supplied previously.

1.2 The following fees apply for Film Societies:

Number of Film Society members last year*	Annual fee (No GST payable)	Entitled number of delegates
Up to 25	\$30	1
26 to 50	\$45	1
51 to 100	\$75	2
101 to 500	\$110	3
over 500	\$145	4

* If a NEW application, use anticipated numbers.

If you operate several streams (or sub- groups), add the members of all streams, but if a person belongs to two streams don't count them twice.

1.3 The FVFS caters for film organisations in Victoria. Film Societies in states other than Victoria should seek membership with their own state Federation. See www.acofs.org.au for information.

1.4 Film Societies that charge for every admission (members or visitors) do not qualify for "non-theatrical" screening rights. The exception is where a small number of guests are admitted on free, one-off come-and-try-it tickets

1.5 If you apply to join the FVFS as a NEW member part way through the calendar year, you may pay a reduced amount. Jan to Mar pay full price. April to June pay 75%, July to Sept pay 50%, Oct to December you get 15 months for the price of 12.

This does NOT apply to late renewals or for any application from a film festival.

1.6 If you are a film society and plan to make use of the ACOFS DVD Rights agreement, you will need to screen non-theatrically, and we will need to know your average attendance figures, because some of the DVD distributors will charge for DVD screening rights, based on the size of your audience.

1.7 If you operate two or more "subgroups", or "streams", with different attendances, please let us know the average attendance for each and what you call them. You will be allocated a DVD attendance category (for each subgroup if relevant).

1.8 Your DVD attendance category will be set according to the following table.

Attendance Category	Average attendance	Equates to a membership of
A	up to 19	up to 32
B	20 - 49	33 - 82
C	50 - 99	83 - 166
D	100-199	167 - 332
E	200 and above	333 and above
F	n/a	Paid admission
H	n/a	Home screenings

Notes:

- a. The Federation will assume the average attendance is 60% of the peak society membership unless stated otherwise by the film society. A separate category may be allocated for each stream you operate.
- b. The "F" category, regardless of the society size, indicates that the organisation sells individual entries so should seek a quote from the distributor.

2. Applying for affiliation as a stand alone NPV Film Festival.

2.1 NPV means “Not-for-Profit, Volunteer-run”. An NPV Film Festival must be not-for-profit and have acceptable aims and rules.

A copy of your latest Aims and Rules must be supplied with your application unless supplied previously.

2.2 The annual fee for an **NPV Film Festival affiliation is \$35 for a calendar year.**

2.3 “Pro-rata” fees are not applicable to **NPV Film Festivals** because they screen over a short period. FVFS benefits will apply for the whole year.

3. Applying for membership as an NPV Cinema

3.1 NPV means “Not-for-Profit, Volunteer-run”. An NPV Cinema must be not-for-profit and have acceptable aims and rules.

A copy of your latest Aims and Rules must be supplied with your application unless supplied previously.

The annual fee for an **NPV Cinema affiliation is \$35 for a calendar year.**

3.2 If an **NPV Cinema** applies to become a **NEW** affiliate of the **FVFS** part way through the calendar year, you may pay a reduced amount. Jan to Mar pay full price. April to June discount 25%, July to Sept discount 50%, Oct to December you get 15 months membership for the price of 12. **This does NOT apply to late renewals.**

Discounted rates are:

For 25% discount use \$26.25

For 50% discount use \$17.50

4. General points.

4.1 If your organisation is incorporated with Consumer Affairs Vic. and use their Model Rules, there is no need to submit the full set of rules with your application. Just say so and submit the first three customised clauses (first 2 pages) with your original application to the FVFS.

4.2 If your organization operates under the constitution or rules of a **Parent body** you may still become a member of the FVFS as long as your organisation has appropriate Aims and Rules, the parent body is a not-for-profit organisation and has compatible aims and rules, a copy of which must be supplied with your application unless supplied previously. We need a copy of **both** your own aims and rules and those of your “Parent” if any. The society must also operate its own identifiable accounts and must not operate to raise funds for the parent organisation. The “Parent Body”, may be an Arts Council, Film Society, Hall Committee etc.

4.3 Anyone wishing to **screen a DVD or film** in a public venue must first obtain screening rights permission from the rights owner or their agent – no exceptions. DVDs and films borrowed from the SLC (Screening Loans Collection at the NFSA) and films borrowed from distributors usually include this permission, but not DVDs from other retail video outlets.

4.4 Any organisation which **allows any paid admission to individual screenings** will not have access to the SLC films or DVDs at the SLC and will not be eligible for the ACOFS DVD rights agreement. This would apply to all NPV Cinemas and NPV Film Festivals which will have to pay a commercial rate for film and DVD hire and/or screening rights.

4.5. Payment by EFT is preferred. See the bank details below.

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please post payment and application form to the FVFS Membership Secretary, 17 Bruce St MITCHAM VIC 3132. (Cheques payable to Federation of Victorian Film Societies)

Banking for the Federation of Victorian Film Societies Account: 56926 1432 BSB: 083 343 (Ringwood NAB) Reference: Name of film society

Contact admin@fvfs.org.au for assistance or if an invoice is required.

REMEMBER

Include a copy of your constitution (or Rules and Aims) with your application, if they have changed since last provided or if this is a NEW application.

[Note that the ACOFS DVD rights agreement applies only when you screen “your own” copy of a DVD in a public place and at a non-theatrical screening (ie no individual paid admission), We collect society average attendance sizes because some distributors now charge a rate which varies with the average attendance of the society. For details check out www.ACOFS.org.au/resources Fact Sheet 3B].*

*DVD in this context includes BluRay and 4K Ultra discs.

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