

**APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP  
BUSH SEARCH AND RESCUE VICTORIA  
BUSHWALKING VICTORIA INC.**



The application form is for those wishing to join BSAR as an individual member. Membership of BSAR is restricted to current members of Bushwalking Victoria Inc or members of clubs that are members of Bushwalking Victoria Inc

This form constitutes an application for registration as an emergency worker, (Emergency Management Act, 1986), as an individual member of Bush Search and Rescue Victoria, by Bushwalking Victoria Inc. A0002548Y.

All details provided on this form are treated confidentially and will only be provided to the Convener, Police Liaison Officers, Field Organisers and Membership Secretary. It will not be provided to any other person or organisation outside of Bushwalking Victoria.

<b>Personal Details</b> - Please tick to confirm your agreement to distribution of details as noted above <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>Family Name:</b>				
<b>Given Names:</b>				
<b>Gender</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>Date of Birth:</b> / /	<b>BWV Membership No.:</b>	
<b>Contact Details</b>				
<b>Postal Address:</b>				
			<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Residential Address:</b> (if different)				
<b>Phone Nos.</b>	<b>Home:</b>	<b>Business:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>				

Please indicate your highest level of expertise by placing a tick in the appropriate box for each category.

**SKIING EXPERIENCE**

- A Advanced skier
- I Intermediate skier

**A. Advanced skier**

In addition to all skills for Intermediate skier:

- can perform linked turns on slope angles up 35 degrees; eg. resort "Black" run
- can ski steep tree-covered snow terrain
- has cross country downhill (XCD) ski equipment (skis, bindings & boots)

**I. Intermediate skier**

- overnight snow camping experience
- ski touring with overnight pack
- can perform linked turns on "intermediate" gradient (up to 15 degrees; resort "Blue" run)
- can ski tree-covered snow terrain
- has cross country ski equipment (skis, bindings & boots)

**Exclusions**

- Beginner skiers
- People who have not skied with a pack.

**ICE CLIMBING EXPERIENCE**

- T New Zealand technical mountaineering course or equivalent and equipped with ice-axe, crampons, harness and helmet
- C Competent and equipped as above

**SNOWSHOE EXPERIENCE**

- SE Can use snow shoes and has overnight snow camping experience. Equipped with snow shoes and ski poles
- S Can use snowshoes and has overnight snow camping experience

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- L Outdoor Leadership Training Qualification
- C Club leader

**FIRST AID EXPERIENCE**

- D Medical practitioner
- P Paramedic
- W Wilderness First Aid or ASPA
- F Current First Aid Certificate
- E Expired First Aid qualification

Date of Expiry \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**Please list your experience, including when gained, in relation to the entry criteria:**

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**Please list and give dates of recent walking, skiing or rogaining experience and any other attributes, skills and experience in support of the application:**

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**Referee Details** Please provide two referees and their credentials/preferred contact numbers note (B) or (H)

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Credentials</b>			
<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Credentials</b>			
<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	

**Tell us about the longest bushwalk or ski tour with a group of four or more persons, when it took place and your role within the group:**

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**In your opinion, what are the characteristics of a safe search group?**

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**Please list any factors, medical or otherwise, that may limit your service:**

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**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Send to: Convener, Bush Search and Rescue Victoria, P O Box 1007, Templestowe, VIC, 3106  
or email to [convener@bsar.org](mailto:convener@bsar.org)**

## ENTRY STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR BUSH SEARCH AND RESCUE VICTORIA

### AGE:

Applicants must be at least **18** years of age.

### EXPERIENCE:

A minimum of **16** full days of bushwalking, including one or more continuous periods of at least 4 days plus 4 weekends. One of the overnight walks must have been in adverse conditions, and another in snow.

### NAVIGATION:

Applicants must be competent in **off-track navigation**, be able to give and interpret **grid references**, be conversant with orienting a map using a compass and relate map to terrain. **Applicants must be capable of being independent in the bush.**

### FOOD:

BSAR members are expected to cook and provide their own nutritional meals using dehydrated or freeze-dried meals

### EQUIPMENT:

Applicants must have a complete range of overnight camping equipment in good condition, **this includes skiers having suitable skis.**

### FITNESS:

Applicants must be capable of prolonged heavy scrub-bashing on steep slopes. Searching imposes greater mental and physical demands than normal bushwalking or ski-touring.

### LEAVE:

It is necessary that applicants have suitable arrangements with their employers for leave during searches.