



Quick Guide: Division Councils

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What is a Division Council?

Each Division (being a State or Territory of Australia) has a Division Council. The role of a Division Council is to:

- ✓ **Promotion and Recruitment:** actively support:
 - the promotion of Australian Red Cross' activities in the Division;
 - the recruitment of Members and Volunteers in the Division; and
 - fundraising activities in the Division;
- ✓ **Communication and Feedback:** act as a communication channel:
 - up to the Board and to management from Members and Volunteers in the Division;
 - down to Members and Volunteers within the Division from management; and
 - down to Members and Volunteers from the Board (if required);
- ✓ **Governance of local activities:** establish and regulate Branches, Regions, Zones and other models of Members and Volunteers self-organisation within the Division;
- ✓ **Advisory:** consider issues of significance to the Division, including consulting with management (in line with the operating model) on undertaking work to support the Society's strategy in the Division; and
- ✓ undertake any other functions delegated to it by the Board.

Note: The Director – State/Territory works in collaboration with Division Councils to achieve the strategic goals of the Society in the Division as determined by the Board.

What is the composition of a Division Council?

Each Division Council will be comprised of 5–12 Division Councillors (including at least one Division Councillor who is under 30 years old at the time of election or appointment).

Each Division (at the Division Annual General Meeting) will now be able to determine how many elected and appointed Division Councillors it has, provided there is always at least two elected Division Councillors.

Who is eligible to be on a Division Council?

[Governance Regulation](#) 6.4 sets out who is eligible to be a Division Councillor. This includes that they must be an Australian Red Cross Member within the Division (join at redcross.org.au/membership/), and be at least 18 years old.

Note: all Division Councillors will need to be on-boarded as a Volunteer and hold a current national police check (which can be obtained through Australian Red Cross at no cost) and a valid home state/territory working with children/vulnerable people check.

How are Division Councillors elected and appointed?

The Governance Regulations sets out the process to be followed to elect Division Councillors at each Division Annual General Meeting.

A Division Council may also appoint individual(s) to be a Division Councillors who meet the eligibility criteria and have specific skills and experience to support the role of the Division Council. An appointment can only be made after nominations are called from all Members in a Division.