1. Membership of the VCAS Panel of Arbitrators (**Panel**) is by application in the prescribed form (https://vcas.net.au/resources/) to the VCAS Committee of the Victorian Bar (**Committee**). Panel membership is determined by the Victorian Bar Council (**Bar Council**) on behalf of the Victorian Bar Inc having due regard to the advice of the Committee.

2. Applicants for inclusion on the Panel must be a member of the Victorian Bar and agree to be bound by the VCAS Rules. Applicants must also satisfy at least one of the following further requirements:

   a) be a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (**CIArb**), the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration or the Resolution Institute;

   b) be a Resolution Institute Graded Arbitrator; or

   c) have passed the CIArb Award Writing exam, the College of Law's Award Writing subject (ILP14) or the University of Adelaide's Professional Certificate in Arbitration.

3. Eminent persons (such as retired judicial officers or practitioners who can demonstrate substantial award-writing experience) who do not otherwise meet requirements 2(a), 2(b) or 2(c) above may also be considered.

4. Regardless of whether the minimum requirements in clause 2 above are satisfied, the Bar Council may in its absolute discretion refuse an application. The Bar Council's decision as to whether a person is included on the Panel is final.

5. Membership of the Panel is for a term of 12 months, ending on 30 June each year. There is no limit on the number of times a Panel member may apply to extend their membership of the Panel.

6. A Panel member must notify the Committee as soon as possible if they no longer satisfy the minimum requirements of membership set out in clause 2 above. The Committee will advise the Bar Council of any such notice and provide a recommendation to the Bar Council for decision.

7. The Bar Council reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to remove a person from the Panel, including by reason of the fact that one or more of the requirements of membership no longer applies to that Panel member.

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