



DECISION

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009
s.159—Alteration of other rules of organisation

Police Federation of Australia (R2025/47)

CHRIS ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 14 MAY 2025

Alteration of other rules of organisation.

[1] On 7 April 2025 the Police Federation of Australia’s Australian Federal Police Association Branch (the Branch) lodged with the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) a notice and declaration setting out particulars of alterations to its rules.

[2] The Branch seeks certification of the alterations under section 159 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the Act).

[3] On the information contained in the notice and declaration, I am satisfied the alterations have been made under the rules of the organisation.

[4] The particulars set out alterations to Branch rules 57, 58, 61, 65, 70, 79, 81, 83 – 86, 94, 95, 99 and 102.

[5] The alterations are minor and uncontroversial. They:

- insert a new definition in subrule 57(h) of “Executive Member”, which “shall mean a member of the Association elected to hold office under Rule 72(1)(d)”, and renumber the ensuing subrules;
- amend rule 61 (Subscriptions) to remove the reference to “executive employees” and make the subscription for membership the same for all employees, until otherwise determined by the Executive;
- fix syntax, formatting, typographical or grammatical errors (rules 58, 65(2), 70(4), 81(4), 81(6), 83(1), 83(3)(g), 85(4), 86, 94(7)(b), 95(5)(t) and (w), 99(1));
- remove obsolete references to facsimile (subrules 79(2)(a) and (b)) and the Registered Organisations Commissioner (subrule 84(1)(e));
- amend subrule numbering (subrule 95(5)); and
- insert a new sentence in subrule 102(3) (Arbitration Proceedings and Industrial Agreements) to provide that in the absence of the President, the Vice President or another office holder as authorised by the Executive can sign an industrial agreement.

[6] The alterations are uncontroversial and do not require comment beyond expressing my opinion about the matters set out in subsection 159(1) of the Act.

[7] In my opinion, the alterations comply with and are not contrary to the Act, the *Fair Work Act 2009*, modern awards and enterprise agreements, are not otherwise contrary to law and were made under the rules of the organisation. I certify accordingly under subsection 159(1) of the Act.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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