

Article 2: Membership

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Membership To become members of the co-op, applicants must be approved by the board and become residents of the co-op.

When considering applications, the co-op must comply with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

2.2

Qualifications for Membership

To become members of the co-op, applicants must be sixteen years or older. The co-op may have other by-laws stating qualifications that applicants must have.

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Applying for Membership

- (a) Persons must apply for membership in writing on the form that the co-op provides.
- (b) All members of an applicant's household who are sixteen years or older, and intend to live in the co-op, must apply for membership or long-term guest status. If they do not, the co-op will not consider the application.
- (c) New members must
  - sign the occupancy agreement
  - pay the lifetime membership fee
  - pay the member deposit, and
  - pay the first month's housing charge.

Applicants will still become members even if they do not do the above, as long as they comply with 2.1 of this By-law.

- (d) The board can require a new member to have a co-signer or to make other special financial arrangements.
- (e) If long-term guests are permitted as part of an applicant's household, the long-term guests and the member must sign a long-term guest agreement as stated in the Occupancy By-law.

#### 2.4 Transfers and Withdrawals

Members cannot transfer their membership to any other person. Rules that apply to withdrawing from membership are in the *Act* and Articles 7 and 8 of the Occupancy By-law. Membership ends when a member dies.