

DIGITAL ECONOMY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Members agree with these Membership Agreement Terms and Conditions and to abide by the [Members Code of Ethical Conduct](#).

Respect of Intellectual Property Rights

Digital Economy Council of Australia members shall respect the Intellectual Property Rights of Digital Economy Council of Australia of fellow members. These rights extend to products and services, trademarks, domain names, websites, images, catalogues and confidential client information. Members will not attempt to pass themselves off as a fellow member by any means or attempt to trade upon the goodwill established by fellow members. This includes (but is not limited to) the use of domain names and websites similar to those of fellow members or others in the industry.

Promotion and Development of the Industry

Members shall be committed to the growth and development of the industry and will support, promote and enhance Digital Economy Council of Australia policies, membership programmes and the various activities of the Association. Further members shall help to improve the body of knowledge of the profession by exchanging information and experience with fellow members and by applying their special skill and training for the benefit of others.

Database Theft, Sale or Manipulation

Members and their employees will not steal, sell, copy or manipulate Databases from competitors, employers, clients or the Association itself (Digital Economy Council of Australia).

Use of Digital Economy Council of Australia Logo and Mark

The use of the Digital Economy Council of Australia logo must be confined to Digital Economy Council of Australia activities, or the statement of name and business address on a card, letterhead, website, and published articles. It may only be used while a Company is a financial member. Any information, statistics, reports, or editorial reproduced from Digital Economy Council of

Australia be credited to the association and permission sought from Digital Economy Council of Australia before reproduction occurs. At all times the logo should be reproduced in accordance with guidelines for use specified by the Association. ALL Members agree to remove the Digital Economy Council of Australia logo immediately from all associated materials if tendering their resignation.

Events

Members are expected to act with integrity and professionalism during all tradeshows and Digital Economy Council of Australia events. At no time are members allowed to sign a delegate into an Digital Economy Council of Australia event who is falsely representing their company (including delegates who are not employed by that company (unless permission has been expressly given by Digital Economy Council of Australia)).

Database Integrity and DECA Connect App Usage

Protection of DECA Connect App and Database Integrity

Members have access to the DECA Connect app, which serves as a secure platform for networking, resource sharing, and industry collaboration. Any misuse, theft, unauthorised copying, or manipulation of data within DECA Connect is strictly prohibited.

Responsible Use of DECA Connect

The DECA Connect app is to be used solely for professional and ethical purposes. Members are expected to respect the platform's integrity and avoid unauthorised actions, such as data scraping, downloading, or any activities that compromise data security or integrity. Any misuse of DECA Connect will result in immediate suspension or termination of access and potential legal action.

Membership Fees and Renewal

Annual Membership Dues

Membership fees are annual and must be paid in full according to DECA's fee schedule. Non-payment may lead to suspension or termination of membership and its associated benefits.

Refund Policy

Membership fees are generally non-refundable unless DECA terminates a membership without cause. Exceptions may be granted at DECA's discretion.

Renewal Notification

Two months before the renewal date, DECA will reach out to confirm members' interest in renewing. Members will be reminded of the upcoming renewal, any updates to terms, fees, or conditions, and will be required to confirm renewal before the renewal deadline.

Suspension and Termination of Membership

Grounds for Action

DECA reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership for breaches of these Terms and Conditions, including unethical conduct, non-payment, intellectual property violations, or actions that harm DECA's reputation.

Process

DECA will conduct a review in the event of a suspected breach, providing the member with an opportunity to respond. DECA's decision on suspension or termination shall be final.