

Role:	President
Length of term:	Up to three years (with eligibility to be re-appointed for two further three-year terms)
Remuneration:	Non-remunerated volunteer role, other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses
Location:	Flexible, within Australia

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

About Australian Red Cross

Australian Red Cross exists to support people in their most difficult moments. With 110 years' experience and a nationwide community of 16,000+ members and volunteers, we act locally and connect globally to deliver what's needed, when it's needed most.

From emergency support, critical blood donations, migration services and community resilience, to international capacity building and promoting respect for the laws of war, we continue to stand beside and treat every human with dignity.

We belong to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and together with 191 other National Societies in countries around the world, we are part of the world's largest humanitarian network; 16 million volunteers working alongside our staff to help those impacted by crisis, disaster and conflict.

Role

The President's role is the pivotal ambassador for Australian Red Cross, anticipated to be held by a person of eminence within the Australian community. The President's effectiveness hinges on their ability to engage and build a genuine rapport with stakeholders at all levels, from our grassroots Members and Volunteers through to highly influential stakeholders.

The role involves public speaking engagements, international representation and other ceremonial duties, as well as acting as our ambassador and relationship builder: opening doors and creating pathways for the continued growth, impact and long term success of Australian Red Cross.

The role also involves:

- Chairing the National Council's Annual General Meeting (generally held in person during the last week of November or first week of December each year) and other general meetings of the National Council (generally held virtually in the middle of the year).
- Maintaining effective working relationships with the Board Chair and CEO.
- Participate in domestic and international travel (as required).

Organisational culture and code of conduct

As the President, you are expected to be a leader of positive culture for Australian Red Cross. This includes:

- Promoting the tone of Australian Red Cross' culture.
- Fostering a culture of open communication, trust, and respect.
- Being guided by the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement: **Humanity** | **Impartiality** | **Neutrality** | **Independence** | **Voluntary Service** | **Unity** | **Universality**

See redcross.org.au/about/our-code/ for more details on Australian Red Cross' Code of Conduct.



Personal attributes

- **Integrity:** fulfil duties and responsibilities of a role including acting ethically, appropriate independence, putting Australian Red Cross' interests before personal interests.
- **Stakeholder relations:** experience building coalitions of influence, including partnering, advocacy, and government relations.
- **Emotional intelligence:** as well as self-awareness and self-management, be able to demonstrate empathy manifested through strong interpersonal skills. Be able to listen and communicate effectively.
- **Diplomacy:** be able to engage with people with different cultures, backgrounds, demographics and political beliefs in a meaningful, impartial and independent way in line with our Fundamental Principles.
- **Meaningful engagement:** actively contribute with genuine interest in Australian Red Cross and its operations.
- **Leadership:** leadership skills and experience to achieve strategic objectives.

Role requirements

- Be a member of Australian Red Cross. *You can join as a member here:* redcross.org.au/membership/
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Hold, or be able to obtain, an acceptable National Criminal History Check.
- Hold, or be able to obtain, a Working with Children/Vulnerable People Check in your home state/territory.
- Not be disqualified from being a responsible entity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth) or disqualified from managing a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- Not be employed by Australian Red Cross or Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.
- Not be a Board Member of Australian Red Cross or Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.
- Undertake Australian Red Cross' governance induction and other ongoing learning and development opportunities (as reasonably required by Australian Red Cross).