

Annexure 13 - Al-Anon Member Prerequisites to Becoming an AMIAS

1. Must be at least 18 years old;
2. Must have at least two years of active Al-Anon membership, in addition to any time spent in Alateen;
3. Must be a responsible adult member of Al-Anon who attends Al-Anon meetings weekly or fortnightly.
4. A dual member can be an AMIAS but must be accredited according to this policy.
5. Must observe this policy and act in accordance with the Code of Conduct established for the safety and security of Alateen Members at all times;
6. Must have a good understanding of the Al-Anon Programme, with thorough knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Al-Anon Principles;
7. Must undergo an Alateen education and awareness programme and any follow up meetings as deemed appropriate by the Area Alateen Committee;
8. Must be present to hold an Alateen meeting and be willing to share his or her experience in living with the disease of alcoholism, the strength gained from the Twelve Steps, knowledge of the Twelve Traditions and hope for the future with the Alateen members;
9. Must encourage the Alateen members to take responsibility for their own meetings and to share their experience, strength and hope with each other;
10. Must recognise the position of trust in which they have been placed;
11. Must ensure that the relationship they form with any Alateen Member under their care is appropriate in every respect;
12. When in the physical presence of a child or children within the context of Alateen, must ensure that their behaviour is appropriate at all times;
13. May not have been convicted of a criminal offence, nor demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen Members;
14. Must have obtained a current Fingerprint Clearance Certificate (FCC), and attach this to their application to become an AMIAS.
15. Must apply for certification as an AMIAS through the Area Alateen screening and certification process, and sign a Code of Conduct and Declaration of Acceptance of this Policy agreement.
16. Must follow the laid down Al-Anon and legal procedures following suspicion, disclosure, allegation or knowledge of child abuse.