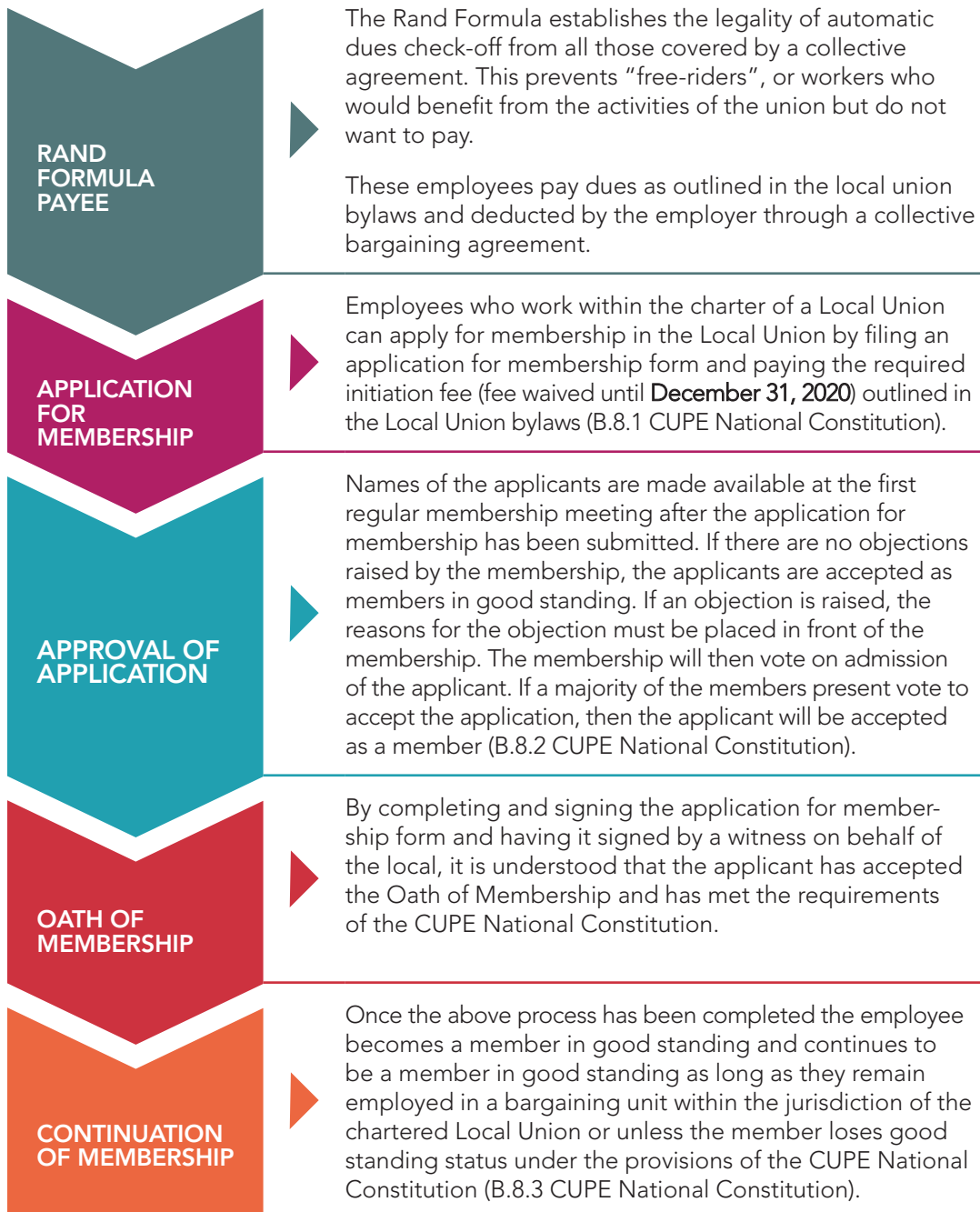


WHAT IS A "MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING"?



What does it mean to be a member in good standing?

Any employee who works in a CUPE bargaining unit can become a member in good standing by applying for membership, paying the initiation fee (fee waived until **December 31, 2020**), and being accepted by the membership. For ease of reference the process is laid out in this chart.

Only a member in good standing can fully participate in the activities of the Local and National Union. This means only a member in good standing can attend and vote at General Membership Meetings, run for any elected Union positions, vote in those elections, and participate as a delegate of the Local Union.

Any employee who is not a member in good standing remains a Rand Formula payee.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A RAND FORMULA PAYEE?

A Rand Formula payee is an employee in a bargaining unit who pays union dues according to the applicable collective agreement and Local Union bylaws but who has not gone through the process of becoming a member in good standing of the union.

Note: Rand Formula payees have the right to be represented by the Local Union for violations of the collective agreement in accordance with the duty of fair representation legislation.

TIPS FOR LOCALS AND NATIONAL REPS

<p>GETTING THE MEMBERSHIP FORM SIGNED.</p>	<p>▶ If you have language in your Collective Agreement that allows for the union to meet with all new members, utilize this meeting to get the form signed and explain the process of approval. If you don't have this language, ensure you have a process in place that verifies your stewards are meeting with new members within their areas and getting the forms signed.</p>	<p>PROCESS....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form signed • Initiation fee collected (fee waived until December 31, 2020) • Approval of membership • System for tracking and verifying members in good standing
<p>HOW TO COLLECT THE INITIATION FEE (fee waived until December 31, 2020)</p>	<p>▶ Some locals have a process in place whereby the Employer deducts the initiation fee along with the first dues deduction for new Employees. This money is then either directly remitted or sent to the Local. If this is not the process within your Local or if your Employer will not agree to this process, then the money must be physically collected by the Local. The initial introductory meeting is probably the best opportunity for this.</p>	
<p>APPROVAL OF APPLICATION</p>	<p>▶ As per B.VI of the Constitution, this should be a standing agenda item for all membership meetings.</p>	<p>NEWLY ORGANIZED GROUPS</p> <p>At the first General Meeting, before conducting any business of the Local, the National Representative assigned to the Local will provide the opportunity for all bargaining unit employees to sign membership forms and pay their initiation fee (fee waived until December 31, 2020) in order to become new members.</p>
<p>THE OATH OF MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>▶ The Oath of membership is now part of the Application for Membership form. In order to meet the requirements of the CUPE National Constitution the applicant signature must be witnessed by the Local President or designate, including stewards.</p>	
<p>WHY THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT</p>	<p>▶ It is imperative that all Locals have a system for tracking who is a member in good standing and who is not. Only members in good standing can fully participate, as outlined on the reverse side of this document.</p>	

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO CUPE LOCAL _____

▶ Last name				First name		
▶ Address						
City				Province	Postal Code	
▶ Phone cell				Phone home		
▶ Personal Email address						
▶ Employer						
▶ Employer address						
City				Province	Postal Code	
▶ Work Phone						
▶ Classification/Department						
▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Full time	<input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Casual				

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned:

Apply for membership in the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local ____ and agree to abide by its constitution and bylaws.

If accepted into membership, I promise to support and obey the Constitution of this union, to work to improve the economic and social conditions of other members and other workers, to defend and work to improve the democratic rights and liberties of workers, and that I will not purposely or knowingly harm or assist in harming another member of the union.

Applicant Signature

Day/Month/Year

Witness Signature
 (on behalf of the union)

Day/Month/Year