

Membership Requirements

Free Democrats of South Africa

The Free Democrats of South Africa is a voluntary political movement committed to individual liberty, responsible government, and practical solutions to South Africa's real challenges. Membership is open to citizens who share these values and wish to contribute to building a freer, more accountable country.

Eligibility

To become a member of the Free Democrats, applicants must meet the following basic requirements:

- **Be a South African citizen.**
- **Be at least 18 years of age.**
- **Support the principles and objectives of the Free Democrats.**
- **Agree to abide by the party's constitution, policies, and code of conduct.**

Background and Integrity

Because political parties play an important role in public life, members are expected to meet basic standards of integrity.

Applicants must:

- **Not have been convicted of serious criminal offences**, particularly those involving fraud, corruption, violence, or dishonesty.
- Provide accurate and truthful information in their membership application.
- Consent to reasonable verification of their application if required by the party.

The Free Democrats reserves the right to **decline or revoke membership** where an applicant's background is inconsistent with the values or integrity expected of members.

Exclusivity of Membership

To maintain clarity of purpose and political independence, members of the Free Democrats may **not hold membership in another political party at the same time.**

Conduct and Representation

Members are expected to:

- Act in a manner that reflects the values of **individual responsibility, honesty, and respect for others.**

- Refrain from conduct that brings the party into disrepute.
- Engage in political debate **in good faith and with respect for democratic principles.**

Membership Fees

The Free Democrats **does not charge membership fees.**

Membership is open to all citizens who share the party's commitment to freedom and responsible governance. Supporters who wish to contribute financially may do so through voluntary donations.

Approval of Membership

All membership applications are **subject to review and approval** by the party. This ensures that members genuinely support the principles and goals of the Free Democrats.

Termination of Membership

Membership may be suspended or revoked if a member:

- Violates the party's constitution or code of conduct.
- Engages in conduct that damages the integrity or reputation of the party.
- Holds simultaneous membership in another political party.
- Is found to have provided false information during the membership application process.

Joining the Free Democrats means more than simply signing a form.

It means standing for individual liberty, accountable government, and a political culture focused on solving South Africa's own problems.

If you share these principles, we welcome your application.