

GERMAN LANGUAGE DIVISION (LD)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Aims of the LD:

Language divisions (LD) are formed within AUSIT to facilitate contact between practitioners sharing the same language pair.

Their activities may include, but are not limited to:

- offering language-specific professional support, especially regarding topics specific to the Australian language industry;
- developing professional networks;
- promoting language-specific professional development; and
- sharing experiences and information.

Or any other form of exchange upon which LD members agree.

Scope:

The German LD holds meetings (online and/or in person) for the purposes of professional development and/or social contact.

Membership:

The German LD is open to all AUSIT members (any membership category) who translate and/or interpret in the language pair English <> German (including any relevant sub-languages).

Guests who are not formal members of the German LD may occasionally attend events, as guest speakers, for example.

Committee Composition:

- The LD appoints a Delegate and a Deputy Delegate, for a term of two years (renewable twice), from one National Conference to the next.
- A committee may support the delegates.

Terms of Office:

- Delegate (if not the AUSIT president) – 2 years, renewable twice for up to 6 years;
- Deputy Delegate– 2 years, renewable twice for up to 6 years;
- For continuity, the Delegate can become a member of the Committee when their term is up, for a maximum of one further year.
- The Committee should meet at least quarterly (virtually).

Reporting:

Once a year, each LD will compile an activity report to update its members and the AUSIT National Council on its activities over the past 12 months.

Budget and Funding:

- LDs within AUSIT do not have a budget, do not handle any funds and have no financial responsibility.
- All LD activities are free of charge for its members and invited guests.
- All LD activities, including the provision of professional development, are provided by volunteers.

Conduct and Accountability:

All members and guests of the German LD will treat each other professionally and with respect. LDs are formed within AUSIT in a spirit of inclusiveness and no form of discrimination will be tolerated.

All members and guests are bound by the AUSIT Code of Conduct.