

SECTION 2 YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

2.10 INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

2.10.1.	OVERVIEW
	Beyond the data available via Internet searches information on Scouting in other countries is available through the Branch Commissioner (International) - bc.international@scoutsqld.com.au . This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overseas Jamborees and events; b. Scouting accommodation that may be available; c. Addresses of Scout Associations; d. International Letters of Introduction; e. Permission to travel overseas (eg. Branch Friendship Tour or Branch Service Project).
2.10.2.	INTERNATIONAL LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION
2.10.2.1.	ENTITLEMENT
	An Adult Leader or enrolled Youth Member of the Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc. may obtain an International Letter of Introduction (ILOI) prior to departing on an overseas trip.
2.10.2.2.	PURPOSE
	<p>The International Letter of Introduction serves as a means of identifying the holder as a bona fide member of the Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc., and gives personal details such as name, address, appointment, and optionally, service history. The letter is issued to assist the holder to establish his or her identity and hopefully to make contacts with Scouts in foreign countries. It does not convey or imply the right or obligation to obtain hospitality from another Scouting organisation.</p> <p>The ILOI is an emailed letter (in PDF format) for the participant to print off and carry, forward copy to their overseas contact, or keep on their phone or tablet.</p> <p>Scouts Australia has an obligation as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to establish contact with other National Scout Organisations to advise whenever Australian members are travelling in their country for Scouting activities.</p> <p>Applications for an International Letter of Introduction should be submitted via the Scouts Australia International Events Online Activity Application System – http://registrations.international.scouts.com.au</p>
2.10.2.3.	VALIDITY
	An International Letter of Introduction has a validity for the duration of your travel overseas. Members must apply for a new ILOI on subsequent trips that have Scout activities planned.
2.10.2.4.	CONTINUATION OF APPOINTMENT AS ADULT LEADER AND OR MEMBER
	If the proposed absence from Australia is three months or less, no change to the existing Appointment or Certificate of Adult Membership or Leadership is necessary. If the proposed absence from Australia exceeds three months the Member should resign. Upon their return to Australia, they may re-apply for Adult Membership. Exceptions to this procedure may be granted by the Chief Commissioner in special circumstances.
2.10.2.5.	OVERSEAS JAMBOREES
	It is not necessary for Members participating in overseas Jamborees to obtain an International Letter of Introduction in order to attend the Jamboree if they are part of an Australian contingent.
2.10.3.	BRANCH FRIENDSHIP TOUR (INC. BRANCH SERVICE PROJECT)
2.10.3.1.	DEFINITION

	<p>A Branch Friendship Tour includes any Scout activity outside Australia that is not a major event officially recognised by the host National Scout Organisation (e.g. Jamborees, Ventures, Moots, etc). Examples include service projects (training, volunteering or similar), cultural exchanges and independent groups attending locally organised camps and activities.</p> <p>Scouts Australia has an obligation as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to establish contact with other National Scout Organisations to advise whenever Australian members are travelling in their country on organised activities. Furthermore, the International Commissioner must be satisfied of the safety and protection of our members travelling overseas.</p>
2.10.3.2.	ENTITLEMENT
	<p>Adult members of Scouts Australia can apply to run a Branch Friendship Tour for either their Group, District, Region or Branch. Each application will be assessed and approved by the Branch Commissioner (International), the Branch Chief Commissioner and the International Commissioner of Australia. A Branch Friendship Tour must be approved prior to participants being able to register for the tour.</p> <p>Members can initiate an application at any time, via the Scouts Australia International Events Online Activity Application System – http://registrations.international.scouts.com.au</p> <p>However, it is recommended that members contact the Branch Commissioner (International) first, who will guide you through the process of registering a tour and what information and obligations we require for approval.</p>
2.10.3.3.	REQUIREMENTS
	<p>Branch Friendship Tours must satisfy many requirements, guided by the Branch Commissioner (International) in order to proceed, this includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Budget and Finance (inc payments, overseas funds, cash flow, etc) ii. Duty of Care (inc health and welfare, child protection, vaccinations and immunisations) iii. Age Ranges and ratios (youth to adult) iv. Incident reporting procedures v. Visas vi. Travel Insurance vii. Travel Itinerary (inc flights, accommodation, transport, etc)