

Frequently Asked Questions

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

1. What are the requirements to become a member of the Council?

A Council member can be of any age or background. The Governor selects individuals who have different geographic, cultural, personal and professional backgrounds. The Governor's Office requires a written application detailing the applicant's skills, expertise, and any other characteristics relevant to an individual's potential for an appointment. (Note: Federal regulations and the Council's Bylaws call for more than 50% of the appointments to be 60 years of age or older.)

To apply on-line, go to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at: www.azgovernor.gov/bc/.

2. What are the types of issues that the Council handles?

The Council's mission is to enhance the quality of life for older Arizonans. To that end, the Council is currently working on access to dental care, affordable transit options for seniors, employment opportunities for those age 50+, hearing loss, and preventing falls among older adults.

3. Do I have to be a member of the Council to participate in committees?

No. Meetings of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging are open to the public, and members of the public are welcome to participate in any of the three Council committees. Each committee is chaired by an appointed Council member and has a variety of Council and public members. If you wish to participate in the Council's work, please call our office at (602) 542-4710 or email us at: gaca@az.gov.

4. What are the types of things that I will be involved in if I join a committee and what is the time commitment?

The work of the Council is primarily managed through three committees: the **Legislative and Policy Coordinating Committee**, the **Social, Health and Alzheimer's Committee**, and the **Mature Workforce Committee**. To learn more about the committees, please click on the appropriate link provided on the GACA homepage.

Each committee meets for two hours on the months the meetings are scheduled. Depending upon the nature of the project underway, work may also take place outside the official meetings. Being a member of the committee may mean developing ideas, making recommendations and building strategies for programs, policies and upcoming events on behalf of the Council. Being a member of a committee is a wonderful way to stay informed in aging issues along with being a great learning experience.

5. How many times a year does the Council and its committees meet?

The Council is scheduled to meet seven (7) times a year and does not meet in August or during months with major Council events (such as the Governor's Conference on Aging).

6. How do you become a Council member?

If you want to become a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, you may apply online at the Governor's website <http://azgovernor.gov/bc/or> or request a hard copy from Boards and Commissions by emailing: bc@az.gov. Your application will be reviewed for completeness and then submitted for the Governor's consideration. Appointments are generally announced in mid-October for terms starting the following January. Applications are accepted year-round.

7. What are the commitments of being a Council member?

Council members are required to attend the Council meetings in Phoenix and to be an active member of at least one of the three Council committees. You will need a source of transportation, however, you will be compensated for travel (and lodging expenses based on distance traveled) as related to attendance at the meetings and Council events. Council members are obligated to attend the meetings for three calendar years which is the length of one term.

8. How many openings for Council membership are available each year?

Approximately one-third of the Council or five (5) positions are open for appointment each year.

9. If appointed to the Council, how long will I serve?

Most appointments are for three years.

10. Where are the Council and committee meetings held?

Meetings are usually held in the State Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. However, other locations in the Capitol Complex are utilized when space in the Executive Tower is unavailable.

For additional information, please contact us by email at: gaca@az.gov
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