



How to apply to join the Australian Council of Professions Ltd trading as Professions Australia

- Write on your organisation's letterhead to the President, Professions Australia, Unit 8-9, Level 1, 26 Napier Close, Deakin ACT 2600. Include evidence from your Constitution or similar documentation that your organisation meets Professions Australia's membership criteria (see Appendix 1).
- To enable Professions Australia to assess membership fees please include your organisation's current membership numbers. Please include sub-professional members separately. Sub-professional members are not counted when assessing membership fees..
- If your organisation has a federal structure, the numbers required will be the membership at the State and Territory level.
- The Professions Australia Board will consider your organisation's application and, if the application is accepted, the Board will invite your organisation to join the Australian Council of Professions Ltd trading as Professions Australia.
- Your organisation's membership will commence from the date of receipt of payment of your initial annual fee.
- Inquiries: ceo@professions.com.au or telephone 0400 402 904.

Appendix 1: Membership Criteria

1. A professional body represents a profession when it is a body formally constituted for this purpose, and which comprises substantial numbers of practitioners in a defined field.
2. Organisations considered for invitation should possess characteristics compatible with the present membership including:
 - 2.1 the professional body should be an independent, Australian national body established for purposes consistent with the objects of Professions Australia;
 - 2.2 possess specialised knowledge and skills in a widely recognised, organised body of learning derived from education and training;
 - 2.2.1 to degree level or equivalent; usually obtained at a university but which may be also gained through other centres of tertiary education or through private study approved for admission purposes;
 - 2.2.2 applied to the service of the community;
 - 2.3 recognition of a code of ethics supervised by a committee empowered to enforce that code, either voluntarily or with statutory powers;
 - 2.4 the code of ethics should stress:
 - 2.4.1 the independence of the practitioners;
 - 2.4.2 that their responsibility for the welfare, health and safety of the community shall at all times come before their responsibility to the profession, to sectional or private interests, or other members of the profession;
 - 2.4.3 members shall perform work in only their areas of competence;
 - 2.5 the professional body shall encourage its members to continue their professional development throughout their careers;
 - 2.6 the professional body shall encourage its members to actively assist and encourage professionals under their direction to advance their knowledge and experience; and
 - 2.7 the organisation may include sub-professional members.

Membership Rates

There are two categories of membership of Professions Australia:

- Full Member.
- Associate Member.

Full Member

For the 2017 membership year, a per-capita fee of \$1.32 per organisation member with a minimum fee of \$1050 will be applied for Full Members.

Associate Member

By arrangement – please contact us to discuss.