

NON STANDARD ROUTE TO THE GRADE OF MEMBER

of the Australian Psychological Society

Private Practitioners

Introduction

This document is a guide to completing an application for the grade of Member of the Australian Psychological Society via the Non-standard route. You will need to generate a separate comprehensive submission based on the headings of this guide, and also complete a Member application form – see www.psychology.org.au/membership/applying/grades/#member.

Applications usually will be considered no sooner than five (5) years following full registration as a psychologist practising psychology. The applicant must provide an integrated summary demonstrating how they have made an outstanding contribution to the field of psychology over a sustained period of time. In order to assess whether you have made a substantial contribution to the profession of psychology over a sustained period of time, we need you to reflect on the work you have performed in the role of a practising psychologist, and inform us how that work has made a demonstrably substantial contribution to the profession of psychology.

We need to see more than just a description of the role(s) you have undertaken.

We need to see evidence of the way in which your work has made a substantial contribution to the profession of psychology.

Psychologist registration

- Date you received full registration as a psychologist with the State/ Territory registration board (include corroborating evidence first).

Practitioner position(s)

- List of the psychological positions you have held since becoming fully registered.

Contribution made to the profession of psychology

What have you done that has substantially contributed to the profession of psychology?

Provide supportive evidence such as:

- Demonstrated psychological expertise in particular area(s) of practice.
- Demonstrated outstanding contribution to the workplace of the psychological community.
- Innovations in the profession, e.g., new treatment approaches.
- Evidence of a high level of skill acquisition as a practising psychologist.
- Significant contribution made to the public profile of psychology.

Work with clients

Describe the effectiveness of your work with clients.

Provide supportive evidence such as:

- Extensive skills required to work with specific types of client groups.
- Treatment of diverse range of clients.
- Development of effective evaluation measures of client outcomes.
- Demonstrated high quality work with clients over an extended period of time.
- Demonstrated quality work with high volume of clients over an extended period of time.
- Delivery of high quality group programs.



Providing expert consultancies as a psychologist

- What major projects were you involved in and who for?
- How were these projects successful?

Substantial teaching, training or supervision of psychology students or trainees associated with a university

- Lecturer positions held.
- Co-ordinator role(s).

Supervising provisionally registered psychologists toward full registration

- Approved supervisor for a Psychologists Registration Board – provide evidence.
- Advise how many psychologists you have supervised to full registration, and for how long you have been conducting such supervision.

Significant recognition within the profession from other psychologists

Provide written evidence (at least 2 x A4 pages) from at least two people who hold the grade of Member of the APS, which indicates how you have made a substantial contribution to the profession of psychology over a sustained period of time.

Additional recognition from outside the profession

Sometimes it is difficult for private practitioners to obtain references. We are prepared to accept comprehensive references from senior professionals who have referred clients to you on an ongoing basis, and who are able to comment on the success of your work with those clients.

Additional material

In addition, you should provide:

- evidence of participation in continuing professional development activities over several years.
- a comprehensive curriculum vitae which details your employment history in the field of psychology.
- any other documentation which you consider is relevant and will strengthen your application, such as evidence of commitment to the profession of psychology through involvement at the local APS Branch level as an Associate Member of the Society, or involvement in other psychological societies and/or other relevant professional bodies.