BASIS FOR APPLICATION

Please tick the relevant box(es)

☐ Employment purposes

☐ Entry to an Australian accredited university course *(Please indicate which courses and universities below)*

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If you require an assessment for migration purposes, please complete the migration application form.

You do not need to complete two forms.
ACADEMIC RECORD

As evidence of your academic qualifications, please attach certified copies of academic transcripts and degree certificates for all your completed undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in psychology. Only completed qualifications may be considered.

1. HIGHEST QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED – PART A
   a) What is the name of the highest qualification in psychology that you have completed?
      In English ________________________________________________________________
      In the original language (if applicable): __________________________________________
   b) Name of institution/university? In English: ______________________________________
      In the original language (if applicable): __________________________________________
   c) City/town and country in which institution/university is located? __________________________
   d) What was the standard entry requirement for the course? (for example, secondary studies etc) ________________________________
   e) Usual length of full-time course. In years: __________________ OR In semesters: __________________
   f) What was the length of time it took you to complete the course? In years: __________ OR In months: __________
   g) Did you study full-time or part-time? (please tick relevant box)  
      □ Full-time  □ Part-time
   h) When did you complete the course? (please write month and year) __________________________
   i) Did you complete a written major research project/thesis/dissertation as part of the course? □ Yes □ No
      • If you answered Yes, what was the approximate length (that is, number of words) of your thesis? ________________________________
      • How is the research project/thesis/dissertation represented on the academic transcript? __________________________________________
      • What was the title of the thesis in English? __________________________________________
   j) Was compulsory practical experience/supervised internship a requirement of the course? □ Yes □ No

If you answered Yes, please complete ALL items in PART B
1. **HIGHEST QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED – PART B**

If you completed more than one compulsory placement for this qualification, please attach additional pages addressing **ALL items** below for **each** compulsory placement you completed:

a) How is the compulsory practical experience or supervised internship represented on the academic record?

b) What was the name of the practice or institution where the compulsory practice took place?

c) What was your role and title at the compulsory practical experience?

d) Who supervised the compulsory practical experience? Please include their name(s), profession(s) and academic credentials:

e) What were the start and end dates of this compulsory practical experience?

   START DATE: _______ / ______ / ______

   END DATE: _______ / ______ / ______

f) How many hours per week did you attend this compulsory practical experience?

g) What was the total number of hours that you attended this compulsory practical experience?

h) How many clients did you work with?

i) How many hours of face-to-face supervision did you receive?

j) Who assessed the compulsory practical experience?

k) How was the compulsory practical experience assessed or graded?

l) Please describe the nature of the work that you performed including the various tasks you undertook for this compulsory practical experience
2. SECOND HIGHEST QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED – PART A (if applicable)

a) What is the name of the highest qualification in psychology that you have completed?
   In English ____________________________________________

   In the original language (if applicable): ________________________________

b) Name of institution/university? In English: ____________________________

   In the original language (if applicable): ________________________________

c) City/town and country in which institution/university is located? ________________

d) What was the standard entry requirement for the course? (for example, secondary studies etc) ________________

e) Usual length of full-time course. In years: ________________ OR In semesters: ________________

f) What was the length of time it took you to complete the course? In years: ________________ OR In months: ________________

g) Did you study full-time or part-time? (please tick relevant box) ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

h) When did you complete the course? (please write month and year) ______________________________

i) Did you complete a written major research project/thesis/dissertation as part of the course? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   • If you answered Yes, what was the approximate length (that is, number of words) of your thesis? ________________________________
   • How is the research project/thesis/dissertation represented on the academic transcript? ________________________________

   • What was the title of the thesis in English?

   • Please provide certified copies (each page must be certified) of the following evidence from your thesis: title page; abstract/introductory overview; and table of contents. (Do not send your entire thesis.)

   • Please list the name(s), profession and institutional affiliation(s) of the supervisors and examiners of your thesis: ________________________________

j) Was compulsory practical experience/supervised internship a requirement of the course? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered Yes, please complete ALL items in PART B
2. SECOND HIGHEST QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED – PART B

If you completed more than one compulsory placement for this qualification, please attach additional pages addressing **All items** below for each compulsory placement you completed:

a) How is the compulsory practical experience or supervised internship represented on the academic record?

b) What was the name of the practice or institution where the compulsory practice took place?

c) What was your role and title at the compulsory practical experience?

d) Who supervised the compulsory practical experience? Please include their name(s), profession(s) and academic credentials:

e) What were the start and end dates of this compulsory practical experience?

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START DATE: DD / MM / YY
END DATE: DD / MM / YY
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f) How many hours per week did you attend this compulsory practical experience?

g) What was the total number of hours that you attended this compulsory practical experience?

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3. THIRD HIGHEST QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED – PART A (if applicable)

a) What is the name of the highest qualification in psychology that you have completed?

In English ______________________________________________________________

In the original language (if applicable): __________________________________________

b) Name of institution/university? In English: ____________________________

In the original language (if applicable): ________________________________

c) City/town and country in which institution/university is located? ______________

d) What was the standard entry requirement for the course? (for example, secondary studies etc) __________________________

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e) Usual length of full-time course. In years: ___________________ OR In semesters: ___________

f) What was the length of time it took you to complete the course? In years: _______________ OR In months: _________

g) Did you study full-time or part-time? (please tick relevant box)  □ Full-time  □ Part-time

h) When did you complete the course? (please write month and year) ______________

i) Did you complete a written major research project/thesis/dissertation as part of the course? □ Yes □ No

• If you answered Yes, what was the approximate length (that is, number of words) of your thesis? __________________________

• How is the research project/thesis/dissertation represented on the academic transcript? __________________________

• What was the title of the thesis in English?

• Please provide certified copies (each page must be certified) of the following evidence from your thesis: title page; abstract/introductory overview; and table of contents. (Do not send your entire thesis.)

• Please list the name(s), profession and institutional affiliation(s) of the supervisors and examiners of your thesis: __________________________

j) Was compulsory practical experience/supervised internship a requirement of the course? □ Yes □ No

If you answered Yes, please complete ALL items in PART B
3. **THIRD HIGHEST QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED – PART B**

If you completed more than one compulsory placement for this qualification, please attach additional pages addressing **ALL items** below for each compulsory placement you completed:

a) How is the compulsory practical experience or supervised internship represented on the academic record?

b) What was the name of the practice or institution where the compulsory practice took place?

c) What was your role and title at the compulsory practical experience?

d) Who supervised the compulsory practical experience? Please include their name(s), profession(s) and academic credentials:

e) What were the start and end dates of this compulsory practical experience?

   START DATE:   /   /   

   END DATE:   /   /   

f) How many hours per week did you attend this compulsory practical experience?

g) What was the total number of hours that you attended this compulsory practical experience?

h) How many clients did you work with?

i) How many hours of face-to-face supervision did you receive?

j) Who assessed the compulsory practical experience?

k) How was the compulsory practical experience assessed or graded?

l) Please describe the nature of the work that you performed including the various tasks you undertook for this compulsory practical experience

4. **ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY COMPLETED**

If you have completed more than three (3) qualifications in psychology, please attach a separate sheet giving your answers to the questions a) – j) above for each additional qualification.
PRIVACY INFORMATION

1. We are committed to protecting your privacy, and the confidentiality and security of the personal information you provide.

2. The personal information provided by you on this form will be used to:
   - assess the Australian comparability of your psychology qualifications;
   - provide the APS with statistics related to the number and type of assessments undertaken by the APS, and the countries in which applicants undertook their studies.

3. If you do not provide us with this personal information, we may not be able to process your application.

4. Statistics related to the number and type of assessments undertaken by the APS gained from the personal information you have provided on this form will be disclosed on a regular basis to Australian Education International – the Educational and Professional Recognition Unit, a department of the Australian Commonwealth Government.

5. You have the right to access personal information held by the APS that relates to you, subject to the exceptions in the Privacy Act 1988, and to correct such information which is not accurate. Please contact the APS National Office with any such request.

6. For more information on the Australian Psychological Society’s policies regarding privacy, refer to the APS website at psychology.org.au. Copies of the full APS Privacy Policy may be obtained from the APS National Office on request.

7. I understand that in response to a request from the Department of Home Affairs or a psychologist registration board, the Australian Psychological Society may, at its discretion, disclose information held about my qualifications, experience, and practice as a psychologist.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION DETAILS (if applicable)

1. Do you hold membership of a psychology association in any country, including Australia? [ ] Yes [ ] No

   If Yes, please attach certified proof of current membership and complete the following: (If you hold membership of more than one psychological organisation, please attach a separate sheet giving details).
   (i) Name of organisation: ____________________________________________________________
   (ii) Membership number and grade of membership: _______________________________________
   (iii) Duration of your membership in years and months: _________________________________

2. Do you hold registration/licensure to practise as a psychologist in any country, including Australia? [ ] Yes [ ] No

   If Yes, please attach certified documented proof of current registration/licensure and complete the following: (If you hold registration with more than one registering authority, please attach a separate sheet giving details).
   (i) Name of registering/licensing authority: _____________________________________________
   (ii) Registration/licensure number: ___________________________________________________
   (iii) On what date were you first registered/licensed: _________________________________
   (iv) Duration of your registration/licensure in years and months: _________________________
ASSESSMENT FEE

The cost of the assessment fee depends on the purpose for which you need the assessment. The following fees are for applications received until 31 May 2021. If applying after this time, you must obtain an updated form from the APS website at psychology.org.au or from the National Office of the APS (refer to the enclosed Guidelines and procedures for contact details).

If you do not submit an updated form, the processing of your application will be delayed.

- Employment $1,083.00 AUD (GST free)
- Entry to an Australian accredited tertiary course in psychology $809.00 AUD (GST free)

Please note that the assessment fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

PAYMENT

1. Please staple or pin payment here if paying by cheque, postal order or international bank draft (in Australian dollars only), which should be made payable to: The Australian Psychological Society Ltd.

OR

2. If you are paying by credit card, please complete the following details:

   -APS American Express
   -American Express
   -Mastercard
   -VISA

   Amount: $ ________________

   Card number: ___________________________________________________________

   Expiry date: _______ / ______

   Card holder’s name (please print): __________________________________________

   Card holder’s Signature: ____________________________________________________

   Date: _______ / _______ / _______

IMPORTANT: Your assessment will not be processed unless payment is provided.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

1. I have read and understood the accompanying Guidelines and Procedures for Assessment of Psychology Qualifications.

2. All information submitted by me in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misleading statement, or omission, may be cause for rejection of this assessment.

3. I understand that whatever the outcome of my assessment application, I will be charged the current relevant assessment fee.

4. I understand that documentation submitted to the APS in support of my application will not be returned.

5. I understand that if for whatever reason I have to withdraw my application, I will be charged the full and current relevant assessment fee.

6. I understand that by seeking an assessment of my psychology qualifications from the Australian Psychological Society, I accept that any report on the assessment of my qualifications will be the opinion of the Australian Psychological Society Ltd only. Where that opinion is provided for the purpose of assessment by Australian Education International – the Educational and Professional Recognition Unit on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia, of qualifications obtained overseas by psychologists wishing to migrate to Australia, the opinion may be relied on only by the Commonwealth of Australia. The opinion cannot be relied upon by any other person as being determinative for any particular purpose, and The Australian Psychological Society Ltd accepts no liability for any loss or damage incurred by you or any third party as a result of reliance on the opinion.

Signature: __________________________________________________________

Date: _______ / _______ / _______
HAVE YOU ...

☐ enclosed certified degree certificates showing proof of completion/conferral for each psychology qualification? (in both the original language, and official English translation, if applicable).

☐ enclosed certified academic transcripts, showing individual subjects for each psychology qualification? (in both the original language and official English translation, if applicable).

☐ enclosed certified evidence of details from your thesis? (if applicable)

☐ enclosed certified evidence of membership and registration/licensure? (if applicable)

☐ enclosed certified evidence of change of name? (if applicable)

☐ enclosed a detailed copy of your curriculum vitae?

☐ completed the form and signed the declaration section?

☐ attached your payment?

HOW TO LODGE YOUR APPLICATION

Applications can be mailed to our postal address at:
Assessments
The Australian Psychological Society Limited
PO Box 38
Flinders Lane VIC 8009
AUSTRALIA

OR

Couriered to our street address at:
Assessments
The Australian Psychological Society Limited
Level 13, 257 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
AUSTRALIA
Introduction

An APS assessed Statement of Psychology Qualifications is an opinion on the comparability of your academic studies in terms of Australian qualifications. The APS may only assess completed tertiary qualifications and does not assess supervised work experience. In forming an opinion, the APS gives careful consideration to a range of factors, including the education system of the country concerned, the awarding institution, and the level, structure, length and content of the programme of study undertaken.

An APS Statement of Psychology Qualifications reflects the views of the APS based on material you have presented with your application, and following in-depth scrutiny using the best available resource information. The APS accepts no responsibility for the judgements made by individuals or third parties which may disagree with its assessment.

The APS reserves the right to contact educational and governmental institutions and agencies for additional information and/or verification of the authenticity of the material presented.

If forged, altered or falsified documents are submitted to the APS at any time, no assessment will be prepared and the assessment fee will not be refunded.

Who should use this form?

Use this form if you are:

- seeking entry to an APAC (Australian Psychology Accreditation Council) accredited course in psychology offered by an Australian university (if required by the university);
- seeking employment in Australia (if required by the employer).

This form is NOT for applications for registration as a psychologist in Australia. The Psychology Board of Australia conducts assessments of overseas psychology qualifications for applicants seeking registration as a psychologist in Australia. For more information please see the Psychology Board of Australia website: www.psychologyboard.gov.au

Completing the form

Please note that you will need to provide all the information requested and all the documents and necessary fee before your application can be finalised.

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Answer all questions in English, unless otherwise requested.

Initial and date any alterations on the form.

If you need more space to answer questions, attach a signed and dated sheet giving the required details.

Please send all requested documents and your assessment fee to the APS at one of the addresses indicated on the Assessment of Psychology Qualifications application form.

Documents you should include

To support your application, you will need to provide certified copies of all documents listed below. Do not provide original documents (unless you do not want them returned) or photocopies of certified copies – please refer to the following section for details on how to have your documentation properly certified. All non-English documents must be translated into English, and certified copies of the English translations attached to certified copies of the original language documents to which they refer. Faxed or emailed documents are not acceptable.

The documents to be included with your application are:

1. a degree certificate or diploma in the original language for each psychology qualification you hold. If your degree or diploma is not in English, you must also provide a certified copy of an official English translation.
2. official transcripts in the original language for each psychology course you have completed (only completed qualifications in psychology may be considered). A transcript lists the subjects studied by the individual student each year, the hours or credits, and the marks or grades obtained. Transcripts can be obtained from your university. If your transcripts are not in English, you must also provide a certified copy of an official English translation.

If you have received any exemptions or credit transfers for psychology coursework completed at another university or higher education provider which is not reflected in detail on your academic record, then you must provide the APS with a certified copy of an academic transcript from the institution where those coursework subjects or units were completed.
3. single subject major in psychology: if your undergraduate studies in psychology were completed as a single subject major (that is, units which were not undertaken as part of a degree) please provide certified copies of the transcripts for these subjects as outlined in point 2 above, AND a certified copy of your qualification certificate of the degree you completed prior to commencing your psychology subjects.

4. thesis details: if you have completed a thesis/dissertation/major research project as part of your degree, you must also provide certified copies* of evidence of your thesis as follows: title page; abstract; table of contents; and a list of your supervisors and examiners, indicating their profession and institutional affiliation. If your thesis is not in English, you must also provide this information in a certified English translation. Please do not send the entire thesis unless requested.

*each page of the information provided from your thesis/dissertation/research project must be certified as a true copy.

5. evidence of membership of a professional psychology association, if applicable.

6. evidence of registration/licensure as a psychologist, if applicable.

7. change of name documentation: if your academic documents are in a different name from the name you use on the Assessment of Psychology Qualifications application form, you must provide certified documentation for each change of name (for example, Marriage Certificate or Change of Name Certificate etc). Passport extracts are not acceptable as evidence of a name change.

If you do not hold documentation as outlined above, you should obtain the required documents from the relevant institution or authority.

If you do not submit supporting documentation as outlined above, the processing of your application will be delayed.

If forged, altered, or falsified documents are submitted to the APS at any time, no assessment will be prepared and the assessment fee will not be refunded.

Please note that documentation submitted to the APS in support of your assessment application will not be returned.

Assessment files are retained by the APS for a period of ten (10) years only. Any correspondence received after this time period which relates to an assessment of qualifications would require the resubmission of all relevant documentation as outlined above.

Translation of documents into English

All non-English documents sent to the APS must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

If the documents are translated in a country outside Australia, the translator must be approved by the authorities in the country where the translation is made. Ask the Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for advice if you are unsure.

Translators in Australia should be accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) and can be found in the NAATI Directory of Translators and Interpreters available at naati.com.au.

Keep the original translation for your future use. Send only certified copies of the English translation. Refer to the following section for details on how to have your documents certified.

Certification

It is essential that copies of documents are certified.

This means that you should send copies which have been formally endorsed as true copies of the originals by a person or agency recognised by the law of your country and recognised by the Australian Embassy, High Commission or Immigration Office for this purpose.

In Australia, persons who may certify documents include Justices of the Peace (JPs), Commissioners for Declarations, and legal practitioners. The APS also accepts documents which have been certified by an accountant, notary, pharmacist, physiotherapist, police officer or psychologist. The certifying officer must not be a family member or spouse.

To have your copies certified you will need to present both the original and the copy of each document to the person certifying the copies. Each copy of the document must be certified separately and must show clearly:

• the words ‘certified as a true copy of the original’;
• the signature of the certifying officer; and
• the name and address or provider/registration number (where appropriate) of the certifying officer legibly printed below the signature. It must be possible, from the details provided, for the APS to contact the certifying officer if necessary.

Please note that it is the certified document itself which must be submitted with your application. A photocopy of a certified document is not valid.
Fees
The cost of the assessment fee depends on the purpose for which you need the assessment.

- Employment $1,083.00 AUD
- Entry to an Australian tertiary course in psychology $809.00 AUD

The assessment fee must be paid in Australian dollars and must accompany your application form as:

- a cheque, postal order or international bank draft made payable to The Australian Psychological Society Ltd; or
- by completing the credit card details (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express) on the Assessment of Psychology Qualifications application form.

Do NOT send cash as payment of the assessment fee. The APS is not responsible for the loss of cash sent by post. In addition, the APS does not accept direct bank transfers for payment of the assessment fee.

A tax invoice/receipt will be issued following the processing of your application. Please note that the assessment fee is not refundable under any circumstances.

Fees as outlined above are current until 31 May 2021. If applying after this date you should note that the assessment fee may change, and you must obtain an updated form from the APS website at psychology.org.au or from the National Office of the APS (refer to the back page for contact details).

If you do not submit a current form and the current fee, the processing of your application will be delayed while we obtain the correct fee and necessary information from you.

GST Explanation
Section 38-110 of the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 states that a supply by a professional association of the assessment of qualifications for the purpose of (a) access to education or (b) employment, is GST-free.

Time Frame
The assessment of psychology qualifications is a complex process and your assessment may take some time. The APS advises a processing time of approximately 8 weeks for an assessment. When your assessment is completed, you will be notified of the outcome in writing and by email.

Agents
The APS normally deals directly with applicants seeking an assessment of their qualifications. Privacy provisions prohibit the APS from discussing your application with other people (third parties) unless it is specifically authorised to do so.

If you want someone such as a family member or migration agent to deal with the APS on your behalf, please attach a letter signed by you which authorises that person (by name) to act as your agent.

Please specify on your Assessment of Psychology Qualifications application form where you would like the APS Statement of Psychology Qualifications to be sent (that is, to your personal address or to that of your agent).

If you want the APS to send the Statement of Psychology Qualifications to your agent’s address, please specify this on the front of your application form.

Reassessment
Should you disagree with the Statement of Psychology Qualifications decision made by the APS you should contact the APS by phone, fax or email to discuss your assessment.

If, after discussion with APS assessment staff you are still dissatisfied with the APS decision and are able to provide new material in support of a re-assessment, you should put your concerns in writing, requesting a re-assessment of your qualifications and attaching the additional supporting documentation. Your letter should be addressed to the Coordinator-Assessments, APS, at the address listed on the back page.

The APS will consider your application for re-assessment on the basis of your letter and the additional documentation supplied in support of your application, and respond to you in writing.
After you receive a Statement of Psychology Qualifications

After the APS has completed its assessment of your qualifications, you will receive a letter and a Statement of Psychology Qualifications which indicates the comparability of your qualifications in terms of Australian qualifications. Keep the Statement of Psychology Qualifications as you may be charged a fee (currently AUD $30) for a replacement. The Statement of Psychology Qualifications you are issued by the APS is a very important document which may be used for several purposes:

• to assist course co-ordinators of universities determine your eligibility for entry to their accredited psychology courses;

• to help employers determine your eligibility for a particular job.

Please note that a positive assessment does not guarantee you course entry or employment. The independent assessment is made by the nominated psychology assessing body*, and as such provides only an opinion on the comparability of your psychology qualifications in Australia.

The Statement of Psychology Qualifications you are issued by the APS is valid for ten (10) years from the date of the letter. However if you are seeking course entry into a postgraduate program in psychology please check with the university for its time limit requirements.

*The APS is the national assessing authority in Australia for the assessment of overseas academic qualifications in psychology for the purposes of migration to Australia as a psychologist under the Skilled Migration Categories.

Disclaimer of Liability

Please note that by seeking an assessment of your psychology qualifications from the Australian Psychological Society, you accept that any report on the comparability of your qualifications will be the opinion of the Australian Psychological Society Ltd only. Where that opinion is provided for the purpose of assessment by the Australian Education International – the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia, of qualifications obtained overseas by psychologists wishing to migrate to Australia, the opinion may be relied on only by the Commonwealth of Australia. The opinion cannot be relied upon by any other person as being determinative for any particular purpose, and the Australian Psychological Society Ltd accepts no liability for any loss or damage incurred by you or any third party as a result of reliance on the opinion.

How to contact the APS

If you need more information, you can:

Write to:
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The Australian Psychological Society Ltd
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Flinders Lane VIC 8009
AUSTRALIA

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+61 3 8662 3300 (from outside Australia)

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(03) 9663 6177
+61 3 9663 6177 (from outside Australia)

Email:
assessments@psychology.org.au

Visit:
psychology.org.au/About-Us/What-we-do/Assessing-overseas-qualifications

Please note:
Drop-in consultations are not available. If you wish to discuss your application in person, you will need to make an appointment.