
Member Categories

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Please note that requirements for Professional and Associate Membership will be changing at the start of 2012. These changes are detailed at the bottom of this page.

Student membership

Applicants in this category are required to be studying either part-time or full-time towards a recognised career-specific qualification.

Associate membership

Qualifications: NA

Work Experience: Currently work in the career development field
Professional membership (PCDAA)

Qualifications: Bachelor degree qualification in a discipline relevant to career development (Relevant qualifications can include professional disciplines in psychology, counselling, education, human resources, rehabilitation, and social work.)

Work Experience: Significant career development experience (not less than two years full-time equivalent in the five-year period preceding the date of application)

Fellow membership (FCDA)

By submission of an application that clearly demonstrates the applicant has met the required professional criteria, including Professional Membership with the CDAA for at least one year.

Life membership (PCDAA/FCDA life)

Life membership is bestowed upon a professional member who has rendered outstanding service to the Association.



Changes to Membership Requirements for New Members from 2010

CDAA, as a member of the Career Industry Council of Australia, is required to implement the Professional Standards for Career Development Practitioners by January, 2012. CDAA fully supports the professional standards and will commence implementation of changes to requirements for new members from next year.

It is particularly important for you to note that as an existing member you will continue to retain your current membership after 2012, provided you meet continuing professional development requirements and, of course, work in accordance with CDAA's Code of Ethics.

Professional Membership Changes (for new members)

2010 - 2011 From 2012

Qualifications

Bachelor degree qualification in a discipline relevant to career development*
Graduate Certificate or Vocational Graduate Certificate endorsed by CICA

Work Experience

Significant career development experience (not less than two years full-time equivalent in the five-year period)
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Evidence of past CPD

NA

Provide evidence of annual continuing professional development (during the previous two years)

Associate Membership Changes (for new members)

2010 - 2011
From 2012

Qualifications

NA
Certificate IV in Career Development Studies

Work Experience

Currently work in the career development field
Currently work in the career development field

Evidence of past CPD

NA
NA

* Relevant qualifications can include professional disciplines in psychology, counselling, education, human resources, rehabilitation, and social work.

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