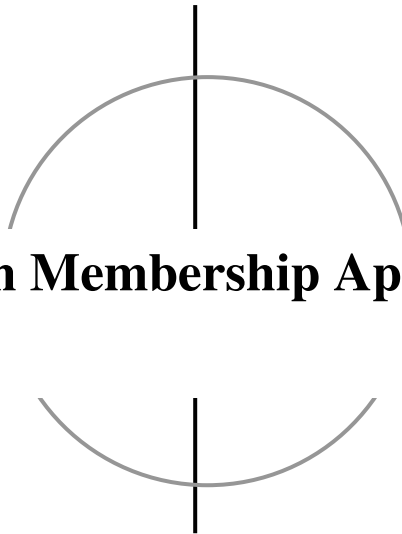


Australian Hypnotherapists' Association

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Organisation Membership Application Form



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INTRODUCTION

The Australian Hypnotherapists' Association (AHA) was formed as a National Peak Body for hypnotherapists in Victoria in 1949 by a group of therapists who had already been in practice for many years. These early members were the pioneers of Hypnotherapy in Australia. The AHA was created as a Peak Body specifically to ensure the high standards required of professional hypnotherapists; as well as to support its members by supplying opportunities for exchanges of information, peer group supervision and lectures for ongoing professional development. The Association was registered in 1957.

The AHA is the National Registration Body for hypnotherapists. Registration with a professional Peak Body reflects a hypnotherapist's willingness to demonstrate to the public a strong desire to be accountable. Registration is the only formal process that members of the public can rely on in relation to standards and accountability. Therefore, if you are looking for a professional Hypnotherapy Association to join... then this is the one. Not only is the AHA the oldest Hypnotherapy Association in Australia, it is also the largest Hypnotherapy Association in Australia. The AHA is the voice for professional hypnotherapists

AHA membership has gained national recognition as the standard for the practice of hypnotherapy. Evidence suggests that government departments, insurance companies, health funds and the public now recognize the importance of such standards and view AHA membership as a basic requirement for hypnotherapy as a treatment modality. As a practising hypnotherapist (or future hypnotherapist), it is crucial that your qualifications are recognised by a National Professional Peak Body. Recognition of your qualifications by a reputable National organisation clearly establishes your level of professionalism and good character to your clients, the general public and your colleagues.

Over the years the AHA has gained wide recognition for the expertise and ethical standards it has maintained in the field of Hypnotherapy. The Association has set a high standard of proficiency and only skilled therapists of high integrity, using approved techniques, are accepted as members.

Our aim as the National Peak Body is to provide continuing empirical leadership in the field of Clinical Hypnotherapy to practicing Hypnotherapists.

Our standards book "A Set of Competency and Proficiency Standards for Australian Professional Clinical Hypnotherapists – A descriptive Guide to the Australian Hypnotherapists' Association Accreditation System" first published in 1996, is available from the National Library and all State libraries in Australia as well as selected overseas libraries. It is the first book ever written, both in Australia and overseas that set out Hypnotherapy standards for the profession.

Individual Membership Information

The AHA acts as the National Registration body for hypnotherapists and therefore is primarily an individual membership body. Hypnotherapists, NLP practitioners, life coaches, counsellors, psychotherapists, social workers, psychologists, nurses, etc may apply for membership if they meet the hypnotherapy eligibility criteria as defined later in this application.

The AHA welcomes professionals from other disciplines that have hypnotherapy training. However the AHA is primarily a Peak body for hypnotherapists first and foremost. Therefore registration with other professional bodies or state registration boards will not automatically meet AHA membership criteria.

The AHA's philosophy is that all hypnotherapists who have completed the appropriate training should have access to membership of a National Peak body at a level that enables them to be registered.

Please read the respective Membership Eligibility Criteria contained in the AHA Prospectus (available on the AHA website) in conjunction with completing the following membership application.

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PACFA

The AHA is an inaugural member of PACFA (The Psychotherapists and Counsellors Federation of Australia), a National Peak body that represents the interests of the large number of therapists working throughout Australia.

AUSTRALIA HYPNOTHERAPIST'S ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP

Professional associations in the field of hypnotherapy wishing to become member associations of the AHA are asked to complete the details below and return the form, with supporting documentation, to

Mia Lack
Registrar, AHA
19 Macleay Ave
Wahroonga
NSW 2076

NB Please supply copies of all documentation - ie this form when completed, and copies of documents and statements requested about your organisation.

PART A: ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Name and position in organisation of contact person: _____

Tel: _____ (a/h) _____

- Please enclose a copy of the organisation's constitution or articles of association, together with copies of any brochures or leaflets that describe the organisation.

PART B: YOUR ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1. Please list all the membership categories in your organisation (affiliate member; associate member, professional member, clinical member, fellow, life etc). and how many are there in each category?

Name of Membership Category	no. of members
a) _____	[]
b) _____	[]
c) _____	[]
d) _____	[]
e) _____	[]
f) _____	[]

2. Which of these membership categories require training at or above the level specified in AHA's Training Standards document ie 450 hours?

3. When were the *current* membership criteria for each of these categories listed in 2 above adopted?

- please enclose two copies of all documents that describe the membership criteria for the organisation, including application forms.
- please attach a statement that describes the procedure followed when a new application for membership is received.
- please attach a copy of your complaints procedure and appeal procedure.

PART C: CODE OF ETHICS

1. If you consider that your organisation's code of ethics

either:

- Does not address issues covered in the AHA's Ethical Guidelines document
- or
- is in any way contradictory of the AHA's guidelines

then please attach a copy of a statement indicating the details and any action your organisation is planning to take to bring your code of ethics in line with the AHA's guidelines.

2. Please attach two copies of a statement indicating the mechanisms in place in your organisation for

- bringing to the attention of members the need to comply with the code of ethics (eg copy of code of ethics is sent to the member when they join the organisation)
- responding to and investigating any concern or complaint about a member's compliance with the code of ethics
- processes and sanctions available under the constitution or otherwise adopted by the organisation for taking action against any member found to have breached the code of ethics.
- Please attach to your statement a copy of any policy document that outlines these processes.
- Please attach a copy of your organisation's code of ethics.

PART D: DECLARATION

I confirm that the information given in this questionnaire and in accompanying documentation is a full and accurate description of the relevant aspects of

(name of applicant organisation)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Position in organisation: _____