

## Registered Clinical registration

The PACFA Register is a register of appropriately qualified and experienced counsellors, psychotherapists and Indigenous Healing Practitioners who have demonstrated that they meet standards of professional training and ethical conduct and have sufficient experience to deliver quality allied health therapeutic services to the public.

There are two registration categories on the PACFA Register, Certified Practising and Registered Clinical. The Registered Clinical category is an upgrade within the PACFA Register. This registration standard sets out PACFA's requirements for the Registered Clinical registration of counsellors, psychotherapists and Indigenous Healing Practitioners.

Registered Clinical registration may be sought as an upgrade by current Certified Practising registrants or applied for as a new applicant to the register involving an initial assessment against the requirements for Certified Practising registration.

Registration as a Registered Clinical Counsellor is granted to individuals who meet the qualification, practice and eligibility requirements set out in this registration standard.

### Does this standard apply to me?

This standard applies to all applicants for Registered Clinical registration and on renewal.

### Qualification requirements

To apply for Registered Clinical registration an applicant must have successfully completed a qualification which meets the minimum requirements for Certified Practising registration.

### Eligibility requirements

To apply for Registered Clinical registration an applicant must meet the eight eligibility requirements for Certified Practising registration.

## Practice eligibility requirements

Application for Registered Clinical registration may be made by an applicant who successfully meets the qualification and eligibility requirements outlined above and who has:

1. graduated from their training program more than two years ago
2. accrued since graduating, a minimum of 750 hours of client contact with the client contact meeting PACFA's definition of post training client contact as outlined in PACFA's Client Contact Standard, and
3. accrued a minimum of 75 hours of supervision of client work, of which at least 50% of the minimum requirement for supervision has been met by individual supervision as outlined in PACFA's Clinical Supervision Standard.

## Application pathways

Application for Registered Clinical registration is via one of two pathways:

1. **An upgrade within the PACFA Register**  
Current Certified Practising registrants who now meet the practice requirements for Clinical registration.
2. **A new application to the PACFA Register**  
A new applicant to the PACFA Register who meets both qualification and eligibility requirements for Certified Practising registration plus meets the practice eligibility requirements for Registered Clinical registration.

## Maintaining registration

Registration is required to be renewed annually. When renewing their Registered Clinical registration, registrants are required, in addition to payment of the required fee, to meet PACFA's mandatory declarations and renewal requirements as set out in the following standards:

- > Criminal History
- > Ethical Practice and Professional Conduct
- > Professional Indemnity Insurance
- > Client Contact
- > Clinical Supervision
- > Continuing Professional Development, and
- > Recency of Practice.

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