



Psychotherapy & Counselling
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Grandfathering arrangements for members of PACFA Member Associations with training recognised under the former PACFA Training Standards (2014)

On 14 April 2018, the PACFA Training Standards changed. The new Training Standards (2018) are available at the PACFA website, www.pacfa.org.au/practitioner-resources/training-standards/.

The key requirements under the PACFA Training Standards (2018) are:

- Training in counselling and psychotherapy must be undertaken in a qualification approved by the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) or the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) at either undergraduate or postgraduate level (AQF level 7 to 9).
- The minimum volume of learning required is 400 hours of instruction in counselling or psychotherapy. 50% of this instruction must be direct person-to-person instruction, however the other 50% may be via online training for theory-based studies.
- A minimum of 40 hours of face-to-face client contact hours and 10 hours of supervision must be completed within training and assessed as successful by the training provider.
- The core curriculum must meet the requirements of the Training Standards (2018) in terms of subject knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills.
- No academic credit is allowed for the supervised practice requirements.

Grandfathering arrangements to apply for PACFA registration

To apply for PACFA registration, applicants must meet the requirements the new Training Standards (2018). However, for members of PACFA Member Associations who complete training that has previously been recognised by PACFA under the 2014 Training Standards, grandfathering is available to join the PACFA Register for a limited time period.

If you meet the requirements below, you will be eligible to apply for PACFA registration via grandfathering. Grandfathering formally comes to an end on 31/12/2023, after which no applications via grandfathering will be accepted.

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You completed training that is recognised by a PACFA MA based on the former PACFA Training Standards (2014); and2. You are a member of a PACFA MA	You have 2 years to apply for PACFA registration from the date the PACFA Training Standards were approved (14/4/18). The final deadline to apply to PACFA via grandfathering is 14/4/20.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You are a student undertaking training that is recognised by a PACFA MA based on the former PACFA Training Standards (2014); and2. You join a PACFA MA	You have 2 years to apply for PACFA registration from the date of your course completion, subject to a final cut-off date to of 31/12/2023.

For assistance with the grandfathering arrangements, please contact PACFA on register@pacfa.org.au or telephone (03) 9486 3077.

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