

CMASA Course/Accreditation Criteria and Recognition

For CMASA members (*with membership level*)

Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture Society of Australia Ltd (CMASA) membership is opened for qualified practitioners of Chinese medicine (acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, Remedial Massage), who meet the accreditation standard.

CMASA membership is only available for the following modalities

- Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Acupuncture
- Remedial Massage

1. Membership

Membership Level:

- **Life Member** – Any CMASA full member who successfully meet **all** criteria as Fellow member and has made exceptional significant contributions to CMASA in the prospects of developments and progressions of the society with positive outcomes. Life members enjoy the full benefits of fellow and full member with annual membership exempted.

The life member nomination may be made by fellow member or National and State committee member with 2 seconders. The nomination is then considered and investigated by designated council in the National Board of Committee and unanimous approval is needed.

- **Fellow Members** – Any financial member wishes to become the Fellow of CMASA must meet the following criteria prior to his/her application is being considered :
 1. Maintain continuum of membership annual dues of being a full financial member of CMASA.
 2. Being a full financial member of the Society for at least 3 years or more; or actively participate in an accredited academic organisation as academician for more than 10 years; or has made exceptional significant contribution to CMASA.
 3. At the time of application, the applicant has nil known criminal record or any medical malpractice record.
 4. Be of good character.

Nomination and Approval

1. Any full financial member can self-nominate or nominate other full financial member of the Society to be a Fellow of CMASA.
2. The Fellowship nomination form must be seconded by two Fellows prior to submitting to Fellowship Management Committee for consideration
3. Once application is received, Fellowship Management Committee will consider and investigate the application independently and make individual recommendation to the National Board of CMASA.
4. If the application is approved, the applicant will be conferred Fellowship in Annual Fellowship Conferment Ceremony.
5. At any time, the total number of Fellows should maintain within 5%-10% quota range of the total membership of CMASA.

Rights & Privilege:

1. Inaugural Fellow are known as Foundation Fellow of CMASA and are entitled to use post nominal of "FFCMASA"
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 3. Fellows are considered as Senior Practitioner Member of the Society
 4. Fellows shall be entitled to attend General Meetings of the Society as full member and vote at election General Meetings.
 5. Fellows shall be entitled to be nominees to elect into the National Council and Fellowship Management Committee.
- **Full Member (Professional)** – For practicing practitioners who hold valid registrations with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, CMBA, for acupuncturists and Chinese medicine practitioners and Remedial Massage therapists who meet **all** criteria in The Course/Accreditation Assessment Criteria. This is the standard accredited CMASA membership category.

Members are entitled to all the rights and benefits of membership, including the right to vote and stand for election to the Board.

Full Members receive all Health Funds rebates whom CMASA is their recognised professional association in Australia as well as receiving access to ongoing continuing professional development via various forms of seminars and journals.

CMASA is a recognised professional association under the New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999. This means that FULL members by CMASA in acupuncture or Chinese herbal medicine are recognised professionals in relation to the provision of GST-free acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine services.

CMASA offers benefits for practising members such as low cost broad-form professional indemnity insurance and concessions on CPD courses and books.

- **Associate Member** – For practitioners who satisfy all the criteria listed in Item 2 below, except Professional Indemnity Insurance, First Aid Certificate and CPD points and NOT currently practicing (not in business).

Associate Members are not entitled to vote or stand for election, but are entitled to participate in all other activities of the association. While Associate Members are not eligible for appointment to executive positions, they may be invited by the CMASA Board to sit on a Committee in an advisory capacity.

- **Provisional Member** – Provisional membership is awarded when application has not met with ALL the CMASA Accredited requirements listed in this Assessment. Full membership may be awarded when the applicant meets all the criteria.

Provisional membership may be awarded to an applicant who meets ALL the qualification requirements for Member, but may be unable to supply all the necessary paperwork.

This refers to applicants who have met the requirements for graduation but are awaiting the formal awards ceremony. These applicants may be admitted as Provisional Members pending supply of a copy of the award on graduation.

Provisional Members are entitled to the same practice benefits as Members, but are unable to vote or stand for election until all the conditions on their membership have been completed.

- **Student Member** – For students who are enrolled in Traditional Chinese Medicine Courses and Remedial Massage courses.

Student Members enjoy concessions on activities the Association organised. This includes a significant discount on the delegate rate for attendance at the CMASA Annual Conference.

No membership fee for Student Members (free).

Other benefits include: Discount for CPD seminars and free journal of the *Australian*

Journal of Chinese Medicine.

Student Members are not entitled to vote or stand for election of the CMASA Board.

2. The Course/Accreditation Criteria

Chinese Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture

CMASA has updated its course /accreditation criteria with consistency with Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, CMBA approved list from 1st July 2012, with the implementation of National registration of Chinese Medicine in Australia nationwide.

(Please refer to attached forms for CMBA approved programs)

Remedial Massage

- Have completed a Diploma in Remedial Massage Therapy at an Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).
- The HLT 50307 and HLT 40307 courses of Remedial Massage meet the minimum requirements

3. Application Fees

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- Application forms should be accompanied by a non-refundable application Administration Fee of \$100 per applicant for Full, Associate and Provisional members.
- There will be no application fees for applicant with CMBA approved programs or with existing Health fund provider numbers.
- Application Fee of \$10 for Student member (no annual membership fee for student member)

4. Membership Fee for Full/Associate/Provisional Member

For 2013

- The standard annual membership fee is \$110
- The two-year membership fee is \$198
- The three-year membership fee is \$288

For 2014 onwards

	standard	Early birds	Late fees	Reinstatement
•The standard annual membership fee is	\$160	\$140	\$180	\$220
•The two-year membership fee is	\$288	\$252	-	-
•The three-year membership fee is	\$408	\$357	-	-

- Standard means payment in full before/on 31 December 2013
- Early birds mean payment before /on 30 November 2013.
- Late means payment after 1 January 2014
- Reinstatement means payment after 1 March 2014