

RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF ACUPUNCTURE

Please apply for recognition through your professional association.

Acupuncturist practitioners must meet the following requirements:

- Continuously hold registration with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia;
- Continuously hold a current First Aid Certificate (HLTAID003);
- Belong to one of the professional associations referred to in the table below and adhere to the membership requirements for that association;
- Meet the training and education requirements set out in the table below (providers who are currently recognised and have been continuously recognised since before 1 July 2009 are deemed to meet our training and education requirements);
- Comply with Terms and Conditions for HCF Recognised Providers of General Treatment as amended from time to time which are downloadable from www.hcf.com.au/pdf/general/Terms_and_Conditions_for_Recognised_Providers_of_General_Treatment.pdf

TRAINING/EDUCATION	ASSOCIATION	LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP
Bachelor Degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) or Acupuncture from the institutions listed below or that complies with our requirements if undertaken elsewhere.	Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (AACMA)	Member, Provisional Member, Fellow, Associate Fellow
	Australian Traditional Medicine Society (ATMS)	Accredited Level
	Australian Natural Therapists Association (ANTA)	Member, Fellow Member
	Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture Society of Australia (CMASA)	Full Member

ELIGIBLE BACHELOR DEGREES	
Endeavour College of Natural Health	Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture)
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)	Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine)/Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine)
Southern School of Natural Therapies (SSNT)	Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine)
University of Technology Sydney (UTS)	Bachelor of Health Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine
Western Sydney University (WSU)	Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine	Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Discontinued bachelor degree programs in acupuncture from the institutions named above or their prior legal identities are accepted. Courses delivered substantially online, or by distance education are not accepted.

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If you have qualified overseas:

HCF accepts qualifications attained outside Australia when:

- The overseas qualification is a bachelor degree level qualification AND
- The overseas qualification has been assessed as being at least equivalent to an Australian bachelor degree in Acupuncture by Vetassess (www.vetassess.com.au/); qualifications from China must also be assessed as 'genuine' qualifications by Vetassess AND
- The qualification is substantially equivalent to an HCF approved bachelor degree in acupuncture (including duration, content, and clinical practice) AND
- The course has not been substantially delivered via distance/external/on-line mode and includes an appropriate level of supervised clinical practice.

We also accept an AACMA clinical assessment of your overseas bachelor degree and non AACMA members can contact the AACMA to discuss this service and fees.

Please note:

Our provider recognition is not automatically granted and is subject to providers satisfactorily meeting the HCF Recognition Criteria and abiding by our HCF Recognised Provider Terms and Conditions. Thus, HCF, in its absolute discretion, reserves the right to decline applications for provider recognition or delist a provider for benefit purposes in accordance with its rules.

Do you have a question? Contact the HCF Provider Relations team:

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