These recognition requirements have been developed to ensure that services supplied to our members comply with the minimum standards set out in the legislated PHI (Accreditation) Rules 2011 and the providers meet our education/training standards. Please note that HCF products do not include benefits for TCM Remedial Massage or Anmo-Tuina.

Acupuncturists must meet the following requirements:

- Be registered under the national registration and accreditation scheme with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA).
- Meet our training and education requirements (Providers who have been continuously recognised by HCF since before 1 July 2009 are deemed to meet our training and education requirements).
- Maintain continuous membership of a professional association that forms part of our recognition requirements at the appropriate level of membership.
- Continuously hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate (or equivalent);
- Comply with Terms and Conditions for HCF Recognised Providers of General Treatment as amended from time to time.

HCF’s training, education and association membership requirements:

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Eligible Bachelor degrees

- **Endeavour College of Natural Health (ECNH)**: Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture)
- **Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)**: Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine)/Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology) – double degree award
- **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
- **University of Western Sydney (UWS)**: Bachelor of Applied Science (Traditional Chinese Medicine)
- **Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine**: Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Discontinued bachelor degree programs in acupuncture from these institutions and their prior legal entities (e.g. acupuncture degrees from VUT and UTS; the undergraduate dual degree from RMIT, the Acupuncture degree from Acupuncture Colleges (Australia) which later became the UTS College of TCM; and the Australian College of Natural Medicine and Melbourne College of Natural Medicine degrees are accepted).
Recognition requirements for providers of Acupuncture

If you have a qualification attained in Australia other than any listed above:

Australian trained practitioners can meet HCF training and education requirements if they have been independently assessed by and have passed the examination procedures of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd for acupuncture (AACMA www.acupuncture.org.au).

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 AND
- Overseas trained practitioners who do not have a bachelor degree qualification in acupuncture that meets HCF recognition requirements will be deemed to meet HCF training and education requirements for acupuncture if they have been independently assessed and have passed the examination procedures conducted by AACMA for acupuncture.

Please note:

Our provider recognition is not automatically granted and is subject to providers satisfactorily meeting the HCF Recognition Criteria and Requirements, 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 in accordance with its rules.