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Your CPCA Membership Guide

FREE

First-year Membership

Enjoy your first year FREE with CPCA – with **professional recognition**, **exclusive insurance options**, and a **supportive network of peers for students and qualified counsellors alike**.

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A Free Guide from Certified Practising Counsellors Australia (CPCA)



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Welcome!

*Empowering counsellors.
Protecting clients.
Elevating the profession.*

Who We Are

CPCA is a **national professional body** committed to **recognising, supporting, and advocating** for counsellors across Australia. We work to ensure that counselling professionals are equipped with the tools, recognition, and credibility they need to deliver ethical and effective care.

At CPCA, we believe that professional counselling thrives when supported by strong ethical standards, clear qualification recognition, and a connected community of peers.

We strengthen and elevate the counselling profession across Australia by empowering individual practitioners, guiding emerging counsellors, and partnering with educational providers, through ethical leadership, professional recognition, accessible development pathways, and national advocacy.

What We Do



**Recognise
Qualifications**

Validate training and CPCA-recognised practitioner qualifications



**Promote
Ethical Practice**

Maintain clear standards and client protections



**Support
Development**

Connect members with resources, updates, and peers



**Advocate for the
Profession**

Represent counsellors in national discussions

Our Place in the Counselling Sector

Representing Real-World Counsellors



Certified Practising Counsellors Australia (CPCA) fills a unique role in the sector by **representing the needs of working counsellors** in private practice, community services, or those just starting out.

We collaborate with educators, insurance providers, and regulatory bodies to help ensure the counselling profession remains accessible, ethical, and well-supported.

CPCA is proud to:

- ✓ **Welcome counsellors** with **CPCA-recognised Diploma-level qualifications**
- ✓ **Offer accessible pathways** for students and practising professionals
- ✓ **Champion peer-led ethics and practical standards** in the field
- ✓ **Equip members with real-world tools** to thrive in their practice — not just theory

If you're a **student, graduate, or working professional**, CPCA is your pathway to a supportive community.

Learn more about CPCA memberships at



Why You Should Join CPCA?

The Practical Benefits of Membership



Our Pillars of Support



National
Recognition



Ethical Practice



Insurance
Access



Member Support

CPCA delivers unique benefits for both **students and qualified professionals** – helping you build credibility, stay supported, and grow your career.

Our member benefits include:

- ✓ **FREE first-year membership** that is flexible and open to both qualified counsellors and students
- ✓ **Certified recognition** – be nationally recognised as a Certified Practising Counsellor
- ✓ **Insurance access** – eligible members can access professional indemnity and public liability coverage
- ✓ **Credibility boost** – gain trust through CPCA national accreditation
- ✓ **Support & protection** – receive guidance on complaints, ethics, and client safety
- ✓ **Member-only resources** – stay connected with tools, updates, and peer support
- ✓ **Quarterly insights** – receive CPD updates, news, and industry developments
- ✓ **Student pathways & support** – access mentorship programs, networking opportunities, and guidance to help you transition from study to practice



Join the CPCA Community!

Talk to us today!



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I'm so thankful for the support I received from CPCA during my time as a student with ACCSC. Mark Cresswell was incredibly helpful and encouraging — his guidance meant a lot to me. I'm now in my second year of a Bachelor's degree and getting ready to open my own counselling practice next year. I couldn't have done it without that early support.

— Alina Farooqi, ACCSC Graduate



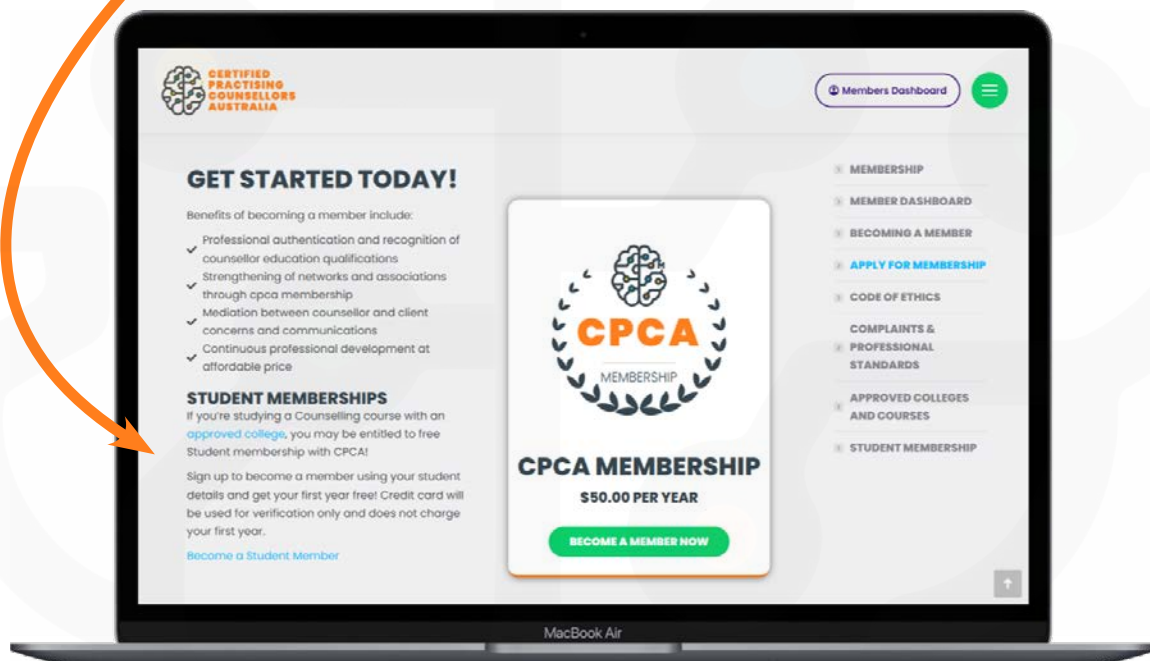
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— James Patel, CPCA Member



Are you eligible for a
FREE student membership?



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Latest Updates with CPCA

Updates That Matter to You



2024 Draft National Standards for Counsellors

June, 2025

CPCA is **aligning its ethics, complaints, and membership processes with the 2024 draft National Standards for Counsellors**. These standards aim to strengthen quality and professionalism across the sector.

As counselling in Australia is a self-regulated profession, **CPCA ensures its practices stay in line with current and draft standards**. We acknowledge that changes to these standards may affect member expectations and future requirements.

We remain committed to upholding the highest professional benchmarks, helping to reassure members and build public trust in the counselling profession.

We invite members to **share their feedback on the 2024 draft National Standards for Counsellors** and Psychotherapy. Your insights help shape the future of the profession and ensure CPCA continues to advocate for your needs.

Scan the QR code or visit cpcaus.com.au/national-standards-for-counselling-and-psychotherapy to submit your feedback.

