

Practitioner Certification Requirements

To ensure ARTA members and the profession in Australia continues to advance through upholding membership standards, maintaining minimum training levels and continuous professional development.

Certified Members must hold one of the following:

- Bachelor of Health Science (Recreation Therapy)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Diversional Therapy)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Leisure and Health)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Therapeutic Recreation)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Leisure and Health)
- Other Degree qualifications approved by the ARTA Council

Assessing applications for Certified Membership:

- A Bachelor's degree as identified above
- AQF level 7 qualification with, at a minimum, components in health, leisure and recreation.
- At least one third of the degree having subjects specific to Recreational Therapy knowledge and competencies
- Meeting ARTAs self-regulation requirements

Eligibility for continued Certified Membership:

- Certified Members with the provision of the 'Grandfather Clause' will need to maintain their membership status with ARTA to maintain this level of membership.
- The 'Grandfather Clause' becomes null and void if membership lapses for more than six months, re-joining the association will forfeit certified membership and member will become an associate member of the association.
- Evidence of one hundred (100) hours for each of these components- health, leisure and recreation will be required either during the degree or post qualification.
- Those without evidence of at least 100 hours in health; 100 hours in leisure and 100 hours in recreation will only be eligible for student membership once enrolled in an industry specific qualification.

Knowledge is the key to advancing the profession. Therefore, qualifications with a degree that do not have the three components of health, leisure and recreation then the lowest component will be considered as the entry point for membership. For example, if an application for membership has a Bachelor of Health Science (Health Services Management) the health component would be covered with the degree however 100 hours of documented education in each the leisure and recreation components would be necessary to meet certified membership.