

Becoming a Provisional Member of NZAC Policy

There are 2 pathways to NZAC Provisional Membership for NZ Educated Counsellors.

Pathway 1 Completion of NZAC Accredited Counselling Education Programme

Counsellors who have successfully completed an NZAC Accredited Education Programme with a minimum qualification level of:

- a. An undergraduate degree in counselling (360 credits) (BCouns or equivalent counselling degree), or
- b. A master's degree in counselling (240 credits) (MCouns)
- c. And be New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) or Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) approved

apply on the Provisional Membership Application for NZAC Accredited Counsellor Education Programme application form on the NZAC website.

Pathway 2 Completion of a NZ Counsellor Education Programme prior to 1 January 2019

Counsellors completing NZ Counselling Education Programmes prior to 1 January 2019, when NZAC implemented the Accredited Counsellor Education Programmes.

The pathway to NZAC Provisional Membership will be determined by the counselling qualification and the date it was completed. Counselling qualifications include Diploma, Bachelor, Post Graduate Diploma, Master and PhD counsellor education programmes.

1. Prospective Provisional Members who completed a NZ Counsellor Education programme **between 1 January 2014 and 1 January 2019** which was not accredited by NZAC at that time, and meet all current NZAC Provisional Membership criteria apply on a Provisional Membership Application for a New Zealand Counsellor Education Programme awarded prior to 1 January 2019.

These counsellors will need to have evidence of recent Professional Development, ie within the previous 2 years, a future Continuing Professional Development (CPD) plan to demonstrate their competency, and also be in supervision with a supervision contract in place.

2. Prospective Provisional Members who have graduated from a **NZ Counsellor Education Degree programme, ie Bachelor or Master of Counselling**, before 1 January 2014 and meet all current NZAC Provisional Membership criteria apply on a Provisional Membership Application for a New Zealand Counsellor Education Programme awarded prior to 1 January 2019. These counsellors will need to have evidence of recent Professional Development, ie within the previous 2 years, a future CPD plan to demonstrate their competency, and also be in supervision with a supervision contract in place. NB: Each application will be individually assessed with the greater the time lapse since the qualification was completed, the more stringent the requirements.
3. Prospective Provisional Members who have completed a **NZ Counselling Education Diploma or PG Diploma programme** before 1 January 2014 and meet all the current criteria for NZAC Provisional Membership criteria, will need to comply with the new NZAC Education Standards i.e. minimum qualification level of:
 - a. An undergraduate degree in counselling (360 credits) (BCouns or equivalent counselling degree), or

- b. A Master's degree in counselling (240 credits) (MCouns)
 - c. And be New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) or Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) approved
4. Prospective Provisional Members who meet all current NZAC Provisional Membership criteria and are graduates of overseas counselling education programmes or qualify for membership under Particular Circumstances will apply on the Provisional Membership Overseas or Particular Circumstances application forms.