



## Becoming a Provisional Member of NZAC – 2019 Policy

There are 2 pathways to NZAC Provisional Membership from 1 January 2019.

### Pathway 1

As from 1 January 2019 counsellors who have successfully completed an NZAC Accredited Education Programme which complies 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

will apply on the 2019 NZAC Accredited Counselling Programme application form on the NZAC website.

### Pathway 2

Counsellors successfully completing NZ Counselling Education Programmes prior to 1 January 2019.

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

1. Counsellors who have successfully completed a NZ Counselling Education programme in 2018, which in 2018 is not accredited by NZAC, apply for NZAC Provisional Membership on an NZAC Non-Accredited Counselling Education Programme application form.

NB: Counselling students in a NZ Counselling Education programme scheduled to be completed in 2018 but unable to complete their qualification for a variety of reasons. If the counselling student is granted an extension to complete course requirements by their Education Provider into 2019, NZAC will also grant the same time extension to complete their Provisional Membership application. These counselling students will apply for NZAC Provisional Membership on an NZAC Non-Accredited Counselling Education Programme application form.

2. Prospective Provisional Members who graduated from a NZ Counselling Education programme **between 1 January 2014 and 1 January 2019** and have meet all NZAC Provisional Membership criteria as of 2018. These counsellors will need to present to the Membership Committee, evidence of recent Professional Development, ie within the previous 2 years, and a future CPD plan that demonstrates their competency, and also be in supervision with a supervision contract in place. These counsellors will apply for NZAC Provisional Membership on an NZAC Non-Accredited Counselling Education Programme application form.



3. Prospective Provisional Members who have graduated from a **NZ Counselling Education Degree programme** before 1 January 2014 and meet all NZAC Provisional Membership criteria as of 2018 will need to present to the Membership Committee evidence of recent Professional Development, ie within the previous 2 years, and a future CPD plan that demonstrates their competency, and also be in supervision with a supervision contract in place. These counsellors will apply for NZAC Provisional Membership on a NZAC Non-Accredited Counselling Education Programme application form.

NB: Each application will individually assessed with the greater the time lapse since the qualification was completed, the more stringent the requirements.

4. Prospective Provisional Members who have completed a **NZ Counselling Education Diploma or PG Diploma programme** before 1 January 2014 and meet all the criteria for NZAC Provisional Membership criteria as of 2018, 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
5. Prospective Provisional Members who meet all NZAC Provisional Membership criteria and are graduates of overseas counselling education programmes or qualify for membership under Particular Circumstances will apply on the Overseas or Particular Circumstances application forms.