

## Affiliate Membership

### Definitions:

- **ACWA** : Australian Community Workers Association
- **Relevant Qualification:** is a qualification in a community services related discipline and should include a combination of the following course content:
  - Society (including individual and family roles);
  - Community, social and political structure and function;
  - Individual human structure and function, including psychological, physical and social aspects;
  - General and specialised welfare services and welfare systems; and
  - Welfare work with individuals, families, groups and communities.
- **Relevant Professional Experience:** work which involves direct service provision to clients at an individual, group, family and/or community level and relates to roles and framework of community welfare work.

**Eligibility for Affiliate Membership** may be extended to persons currently working/volunteering in or desirous of working/ volunteering in Community Services. Affiliate membership can be offered to:

1. An applicant who has a relevant qualification at Diploma or Higher level but no Relevant Professional Experience or less than 3 years of Relevant Professional Experience.
2. An applicant with a relevant qualification at a minimum Certificate IV level and more than 2 years full time or part time equivalent and Relevant Professional Experience in the last 5 years prior to the application.
3. An applicant with no relevant qualifications and more than 3 years full time or part time equivalent and Relevant Professional Experience in the last 5 years prior to the application.

### Evidence Required:

Please refer to the ***Affiliate Membership Evidence Requirements*** document on the website.

## **Nature of Affiliate Membership:**

- Affiliate Members do not have individual voting rights.
- Affiliate Members are not eligible to be covered by Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance.

## **Benefits for Affiliate Membership**

Benefits for Affiliate Members will be the same as for full members, as will the requirement for 20 CPE points per annum. Affiliates will also be encouraged to undertake mentoring and further education to increase their level of qualification as part of a sector culture of lifelong learning.