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APPTA Membership Credentials, Categories, Renewals and Fees

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Membership Categories

Registered Play Therapist/ Supervisor Membership.	Registered Play Therapist Membership.	Provisional Play Therapist Membership.	Student Play Therapist Member/ Alternative Pathway Membership.	Adjunct Membership.	Organisation Membership.	Affiliate Membership.
<p>Have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution in mental health, allied health, or early childhood education (AQF level 7).</p> <p>In October 2023, APPTA made the decision to discontinue the Early Education with the alternative pathway. Moving forward, only current APPTA members will be eligible for upgrades under this clause.</p>	<p>Have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution in mental health, allied health, or early childhood education (AQF level 7).</p> <p>In October 2023, APPTA made the decision to discontinue the Early Education with the alternative pathway. Moving forward, only current APPTA members will be eligible for upgrades under this clause.</p>	<p>Have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution in mental health, allied health, or early childhood education (AQF level 7).</p> <p>In October 2023, APPTA made the decision to discontinue the Early Education with the alternative pathway. Moving forward, only current APPTA members will be eligible for upgrades under this clause.</p>	<p>Have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution in mental health and allied health, (AQF level 7).</p> <p>In October 2023, APPTA made the decision to discontinue the Early Education with the alternative pathway. Moving forward, only current APPTA members will be eligible for upgrades under this clause.</p>	<p>Is reserved for members who are taking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal leave • Parental leave or are • Retiring <p>NB. Members who are needing personal / parental leave please contact the membership committee for approval.</p>	<p>Is offered to kindred organisations where clinical professional employees may use therapeutic play skills and would like to support their employees by offering training opportunities in play therapy.</p>	<p>Is for people who are interested in supporting the development and advancement of play therapy but do not have any play therapy skills.</p>
and	and	and/or	and	and	and	
<p>Have practiced as a play therapist at an advanced level.</p>	<p>Have obtained postgraduate-level training as a play therapist.</p>	<p>Have obtained postgraduate-level training as a play therapist.</p>	<p>Are working towards completing a post graduate level training as a play therapist.</p>	<p>These members receive all membership benefits when on leave or retired.</p>	<p>Will receive discounts on APPTA training, courses and conferences for up to 5 employees at each occurrence.</p>	
and	and	and/or	and	and		
<p>Have completed supervision training.</p>	<p>Have completed supervision, play therapy practice and personal therapy.</p>	<p>Have completed supervision, play therapy practice and are completing the final 25 hours (or less) of personal therapy.</p>	<p>Are working towards completing supervision, play therapy practice and personal therapy.</p>	<p>Will only pay 50% of their current membership level.</p>		
Voting Rights						
Full voting rights	Full voting rights	Full voting rights	Full voting rights	Full voting rights	Non-voting rights	Non-voting rights

Guide: Credentials for Membership

Purpose:

In order to establish practice standards that support the growth of play therapy in Australia, the APPTA has created a set of principles and eligibility requirements for play therapy membership. These standards protect the integrity of our work and assist our members to make informed judgments on mental health treatment for children, adolescents, and adults, especially in the Play Therapy modality.

Supervision:

You must be supervised by a registered play therapy supervisor. The chosen supervisor may be a member of APPTA or another Play Therapy Association, such as APT, BAPT, PTI, or others.

Please note that if you choose group therapy, 1.5 hours of group supervision is equivalent to 1 hour of individual supervision. As a result, you cannot exceed 37.5 hours of group supervision, as this is equivalent to 25 hours of individual supervision.

When applying for membership at the conclusion of your supervision journey, you will be required to submit a letter from your supervisor(s) on letterhead detailing the number of hours you have completed and the timeframe in which it was completed, along with the supervisor(s) credentials and signature.

Personal therapy:

The 50 hours of personal therapy can be completed through a variety of modalities or therapists. You may utilise any therapeutic modality consistent with the APPTA's Personal Therapy Rationale. We recommend giving a copy of this to your therapist(s) so they may determine whether their approach can help you meet our membership requirements.

Undergraduate degree AQF level 7 or higher:

Members completing the alternative pathway are required to complete an undergraduate degree in either mental health (psychology, social work or counselling), allied health (occupational therapy) or early childhood education.

In October 2023, APPTA made the decision to discontinue the Early Education alternative pathway. Moving forward, only current APPTA members will be eligible for updates and advancements under this clause.

Please note that if you choose group therapy, 1.5 hours of group therapy is equivalent to 1 hour of individual therapy. As a result, you cannot exceed 37.5 hours of group therapy, as this is equivalent to 25 hours of individual therapy.

When applying for membership at the conclusion of your personal therapy journey, you will be required to submit a letter from your therapist(s) on letterhead detailing the number of hours you have completed and the timeframe in which it was completed, along with the therapist's credentials and signature.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the membership chair at membership@appta.org.au who will be happy to provide you with more assistance.

	Registered Play Therapist/ Supervisor Member	Registered Play Therapist Member.	Provisional Play Therapist Member.	Student Play Therapist Member/ Alternative Pathway Member.
1. Play therapy education.	Completed the accredited course requirements for theoretical knowledge in play therapy.	Completed the accredited course requirements for theoretical knowledge in play therapy.	Completed the accredited course requirements for theoretical knowledge in play therapy.	Is working towards completing the accredited course requirements for theoretical knowledge in play therapy.
2. Play therapy practice.	Completed the accredited course requirements for play therapy practice skills. And have practised play therapy for an additional 300 hours over two years following postgraduate training.	Completed the accredited course requirements for play therapy practice skills.	Completed the accredited course requirements for play therapy practice skills.	Is working towards completing the accredited course requirements for play therapy practice skills.
3. Play therapy supervision.	Completed play therapy supervision as per accredited course requirements. Additionally, has completed 50 more hours of play therapy supervision with an registered play therapist supervisor.	Completed play therapy supervision as per accredited course requirements.	Completed play therapy supervision as per accredited course requirements.	Is working towards completing play therapy supervision as per accredited course requirements.
4. Personal therapy.	As per registered play therapist criteria or continuing at personal discretion.	Completed a minimum of 50 hours of personal therapy.	Completed a minimum of 25 hours of personal therapy. Once approved, these members have an additional 2 years to complete their final 25 hours of personal therapy.	Is working towards completing a minimum of 25 hours of personal therapy for provisional membership or a minimum of 50 hours for RPT membership.
5. Supervision training.	Minimum of 3 days supervision training.	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Registered Play Therapist/ Supervisor Member	Registered Play Therapist Member.	Provisional Play Therapist Member.	Student Play Therapist Member/ Alternative Pathway Member.
1. Undergraduate degree in mental health, allied health or early childhood education.	Has completed an undergraduate degree in mental health or allied health	Has completed an undergraduate degree in mental health or allied health	Has completed an undergraduate degree in mental health or allied health	Has completed an undergraduate degree in mental health or allied health.
2. Play therapy education.	Completed the educational requirements of 200 hours of postgraduate theoretical coursework in a specific play therapy modality.	Completed the educational requirements of 200 hours of postgraduate theoretical coursework in a specific play therapy modality.	Completed the educational requirements of 200 hours of postgraduate theoretical coursework in a specific play therapy modality.	Is working towards completing the educational requirements of 200 hours of postgraduate theoretical coursework in a specific play therapy modality A minimum of 100 hours of ongoing foundational play therapy training from a single model (e.g., child-centered play therapy, humanistic, or filial) that includes supervised practice, evaluation, and instruction is recommended.
3. Play therapy practice.	Completed 200 hours of supervised play therapy practice. And have practised play therapy for an additional 300 hours over two years following postgraduate training.	Completed 200 hours of supervised play therapy practice.	Completed 200 hours of supervised play therapy practice.	Working towards a minimum of 200 hours of supervised play therapy practice.
4. Play therapy supervision	Completed 50 hours of play therapy supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor. In addition, following postgraduate training, the individual has completed an additional 50 hours of play therapy supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor.	Completed 50 hours of play therapy supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor.	Completed 50 hours of play therapy supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor.	Is working towards completing 50 hours of play therapy supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor.
5. Personal therapy	As per registered play therapist criteria or continuing at personal discretion.	Completed a minimum of 50 hours of personal therapy.	Completed a minimum of 25 hours of personal therapy.	Is working towards completing a minimum of 25 hours of personal therapy for provisional membership or a minimum of 50 hours for RPT membership.
6. Supervision training	Minimum of 3 days supervision training.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Application submission guide:

Documentation required if applying for **Registered Play Therapist Supervisor** membership:

1. Completed and signed membership application form (online)
2. Certified copies of postgraduate play therapy qualifications/training
3. Certified copies of undergraduate qualifications (for alternative pathway requirements)
4. Certified copy of supervisor training
5. Statement of completed hours of play therapy supervision signed by RPT-S
6. Statement of completed supervision of supervision hours
7. Statement of completed play therapy practice hours signed by an RPT-S
8. Statement of completed hours of personal therapy signed by therapist/social worker/counsellor
9. Signed and dated the membership declaration
10. WWCC/police check

Documentation required if applying for **Registered Play Therapist** membership:

1. Completed and signed membership application form (online)
2. Certified copies of undergraduate qualifications (for alternative pathway requirements)
3. Certified copies of postgraduate play therapy qualifications/training
4. Signed statement of completed hours of play therapy supervision signed by RPT-S
5. Signed statement of completed play therapy practice hours signed an RPT-S
6. Signed statement of completed hours of personal therapy signed by therapist/social worker/counsellor
7. Signed and dated membership declaration
8. WWCC/police check-

Documentation required if applying for **Provisional Play Therapist** membership:

1. Completed and signed membership application form (online)
2. Certified copies of undergraduate qualifications (for alternative pathway requirements)
3. Certified copies of postgraduate play therapy qualifications/training
4. Signed statement of completed hours of play therapy supervision signed by RPT-S
5. Signed statement of completed play therapy practice hours signed an RPT-S
6. Signed statement of completed hours of personal therapy signed by therapist/social worker/counsellor
7. Signed and dated membership declaration
8. WWCC/police check

Documentation required if applying for **Student** membership:

1. Completed and signed membership application form
2. Certified copies of undergraduate qualification (for alternative pathway requirements)
3. Copy of enrolment in a postgraduate play therapy qualification or training
4. WWCC/police check
5. Signed and dated membership declaration

Documentation required if applying for **Affiliate or Organisational** membership:

1. Completed and signed membership application form (online).

Renewal Criteria

Criteria	Registered Play Therapist / Supervisor Member	Registered Play Therapist Member	Provisional Play Therapist Member	Student Play Therapist Member
Continuing professional development (CPD).	30 points through APPTA accredited training/workshops/seminars	25 points through APPTA accredited training/workshops/seminars	25 Points through APPTA accredited training/workshops/seminars	Proof of current enrolment in a postgraduate play therapy course.
Supervision	A minimum of 12 hours of supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor.	A minimum of 12 hours of supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor.	Working towards completing the final 25 hours of supervision with a registered play therapy supervisor within the next two years.	As per course requirements
Play therapy practice hours	45 play therapy practice hours	45 play therapy practice hours	45 play therapy practice hours	As per course requirements
Personal therapy	At discretion of member	At discretion of member	Working towards completing the final 25 hours of personal therapy within the next 2 years with a therapist/counsellor/social worker.	Working towards completing 50 hours of personal therapy with a therapist/counsellor/social worker.

Membership renewal documentation required:

1. CPD logbook, online
2. Signed and certified copies training/workshops
3. Signed and certified statements of required hours of supervision
4. Signed and certified statements of completed personal therapy (provisional membership)
5. Signed and certified statement of completed practice hours
6. Completed and signed the membership declaration form
7. Select – I have read and understood the terms for APPTA membership renewal. I have fulfilled the required CPD points and supervision hours as per APPTA policy. I have also attached all required documentations.

Membership fees

Registered Play Therapist Supervisor	Registered Play Therapist	Provisional Play Therapist	Student Play Therapist	Adjunct (retired or leave)	Affiliate	Organisation
\$225.00	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$85.00	50% of original membership category.	Affiliate - \$75.00	Organisation - \$240

** All membership fees are in Australian dollars.

Late payment fees

A fee of \$25.00 is charged to existing members who have not paid membership by the 31st of March of each year.

Membership cancelled

Membership renewals are due annually if membership fees are not paid by the 30th of June your membership will be cancelled.

Membership audit

Since 2019 APPTA a random selection for all RPT and RPT-S had been implemented, this was to replace the annual renewal membership requirements, where all members needed to provide evidence, they have maintained their membership.

If your name has been annually randomly selected, you are required to provide evidence you have maintained your membership criteria for the previous year. Please refer to your membership category and forward the appropriate supporting documents to membership@appta.org

Any RPT and RPT-S members that have not paid membership by the 31st of March will be automatically placed on the Audit list (ratified 19th April 2021).

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