

Everything you need to know about ...

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Australian Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association Ltd

Information Sheet and Application Form



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About AACMA

AACMA, formed in 1973, is the leading national association of qualified practitioners of acupuncture and Chinese medicine – dedicated to supporting, promoting and representing our profession. The AACMA Board of Directors and State Committees are democratically elected from and by the membership.

AACMA provides:

- accountable and responsible leadership for the profession
- advocacy to all levels of government and industry on behalf of our profession
- marketing and promotion of the profession and our members
- rapid response to negative media about the profession and promotion of positive media
- information and advice to members and to the public
- timely submissions to AHPRA/CMBA and other bodies on matters directly or indirectly affecting the regulation of our profession
- member-only financial and practice-related benefits.
- hosting of the Australasian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Annual Conference (AACMAC)
- low cost continuing professional development activities in each State/Territory
- other networking and CPD events to promote and support cohesion within the profession.

AACMA has been at the forefront of all developments in our profession for the past 40 years. Some of our achievements include:

- successfully lobbying for national registration of the Chinese medicine profession
- successfully lobbying for GST-free status for acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine services
- successfully negotiating private health insurance rebates for acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and Tui Na (first benefits negotiated in 1977)
- successfully negotiating for WorkCover recognition in most states
- establishing the first national education standards for the profession – resulting in Australian Guidelines for TCM Education
- establishing the first national Infection Control Guidelines for Acupuncture and the Queensland Government endorsed Infection Control Management Plan – Template for Queensland Acupuncture Practices
- a contemporary and relevant Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Policy on Reasonably Necessary Treatment
- setting and administering standards for practitioner accreditation and ethical and professional conduct, and the investigation and determination of complaints about alleged breaches of the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.
- international networking, including high level representation in all three major international societies: WFAS, WFCMS and ISOM
- successful hosting of two WFAS World Conferences on Acupuncture (at the Gold Coast in 2004 and in Sydney in 2013)
- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with local and international bodies, resulting in strengthened international networks and benefits for AACMA members.

Contact AACMA to discuss applying for a membership | 1300 725 334 | aacma@acupuncture.org.au | www.acupuncture.org.au

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Benefits of being an AACMA Student Member

- information and updates on current developments, including regular e-news updates
- discounted or free access to AACMA State Committee events
- discounted student member rates for AACMAC, AACMA's annual conference
- discounted rates for international conferences hosted by overseas organisations that have MOUs with AACMA
- quarterly newsletter – the *Jing-Luo*
- biannual peer-reviewed academic journal – the *Australian Journal of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine (AJACM)*
- access to AACMA's mentoring program
- access to the members section on the AACMA website.

Additional benefits once you qualify

When you complete your studies and apply for qualified membership, you are eligible for:

- fast-tracked member application process
- waiver of Application Fee for qualified membership once you complete your course (saving \$165.00)
- reduced first year membership fee of \$120.00 (saving \$385.00)
- this represents \$550.00 in upfront savings as a new graduate
- access to AACMA's member-only comprehensive professional indemnity insurance (PII) cover – offering scope of practice cover for professional risks, public and products liability and legal expenses cover for tribunals
- discounted rates for PII cover in your first year of practice
- free member webpage, saving \$100s
- listing with the AACMA Practitioner Referral Service (by phone and online)
- industry specific information, knowledge, resources, advice and support
- support for your practice through AACMA-badged products: Window Decal, Tax Invoice/Receipt Books, Information brochures, Sickness certificates, educational DVDs, other literature
- support through AHPRA/CMBA registration process (if needed)
- health fund provider registration and notification of provider numbers (where relevant)
- low cost Yellow Pages Online listing under the AACMA banner, saving \$1,000s
- access to low cost Chinese medicine professional development events
- member rates for AACMAC, the only annual national conference for acupuncture and Chinese medicine practitioners, providing opportunities to network with colleagues and meet the majority of annual CPD requirements
- access to the Endangered Species Certification Scheme, supporting the sustainable practice of Chinese medicine
- rapid response to negative media and promotion of positive media
- advocacy to government and industry organisations for members
- international liaison and collaboration to protect and promote the profession both locally and internationally.

Some of AACMA's current activities

- dedicated advocacy for acupuncture and Chinese medicine on profession-related issues
- ongoing representation of the profession to all levels of government, non-government bodies, and businesses on all matters concerning the profession
- addressing the issues of advertising 'acupuncture services' by non-acupuncturists
- ongoing lobbying against dry needling by unregistered practitioners
- developing a practitioner mentoring program (for new graduates and experienced practitioners)
- developing a herbal medicine labelling program to comply with proposed new labelling standards
- working toward practitioner access to Chronic Disease Management Scheme and Veterans Affairs
- working towards formal inclusion into all State WorkCover schemes
- providing information about the dry needling debate to protect acupuncture
- developing a live interactive interface with our membership database to enhance efficiencies and improve access to your information in our records
- developing online event registration, product ordering, and direct uploading of your CPD activities
- developing a portal for online delivery of cost-effective CPD activities
- developing a practice start-up kit



Who is eligible for AACMA Student membership?

Student membership is **free for students enrolled in any AACMA-approved educational program.**

All you need to do is complete the Student Member Application Form and send to AACMA with evidence of your enrolment.

What evidence of enrolment is acceptable?

Proof of enrolment includes at least one of the following items:

- copy of your student card (only if it shows evidence of current enrolment – this means it must state the current year);
- copy of a letter/statement from the providing institution confirming current enrolment;
- copy of receipt for payment of student fees for the current year; or
- other evidence of enrolment issued by the providing institution.

How can I submit my Student member application?

Download the student application form from our website at http://www.acupuncture.org.au/Studying_TCM.aspx or you may contact the AACMA office for the forms on aacma@acupuncture.org.au or by phone 1300 725 334.

You may submit your application by one or more of the following methods:

- by mail (to PO Box 1635 COORPAROO DC QLD 4101)
- by fax (to 07 3394 2399)
- by email (to aacma@acupuncture.org.au).

Do I need to renew my Student membership each year?

Yes, you need to renew your student membership each year.

This is as simple as sending evidence of your current enrolment to the AACMA office by 31 March each year. AACMA will send you a reminder notice in January asking you to send evidence of current enrolment. You should also notify AACMA if you discontinue or have completed your studies.

What happens when I complete my studies?

Once you have met the requirements for graduation, you can apply for qualified membership of AACMA. You do not need to wait until the graduation ceremony but will need to get a statement from your institution that you have met the requirements for graduation. Once accepted, you will also be eligible for a significant discount on your first year's fees and the AACMA members' PII policy.

How to apply for qualified membership of AACMA

To apply for qualified membership, simply complete the application form and forward to AACMA with one certified copy of the following documents:

- your award (if issued) or a statement of program completion (if award not yet issued)
- an up-to-date academic transcript of your studies
- a current first aid certificate (Workplace Certificate II or Senior First Aid equivalent)





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APPLICATION FOR AACMA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE COMPLETE AND FORWARD COMPLETED FORM WITH EVIDENCE OF ENROLMENT

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| PERSONAL DETAILS | | |
| TITLE <input type="checkbox"/> Prof <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Other | FAMILY NAME | GIVEN NAMES |
| POSTAL ADDRESS (Incl State & Postcode) | | |
| HOME ADDRESS (Incl State & Postcode) | | |
| HOME PHONE | FAX | MOBILE |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | | |
| DATE OF BIRTH DD/MM/YYYY / / | PLACE OF BIRTH (TOWN & COUNTRY) / | |

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| STUDY DETAILS | |
| I am studying acupuncture/Chinese medicine at the following Institute | I expect to complete my studies in (MM/YYYY) / |
| NB: Please provide proof of enrolment such as a copy of your student card (only if it shows the current year) or statement of enrolment. | |
| I am/have been a member of the following associations (state type of membership): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have not been suspended/expelled/deregistered from a professional association or state/national registration board for breach of professional ethics or practice standards. If you have not ticked this box, please provide details. |

I hereby apply to be admitted as a Student Member of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd. I hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Code of Ethics of the aforementioned Association and by such other regulations and enactments which may be promulgated by the Board. I agree that I will not engage in the unsupervised practice of acupuncture and/or Chinese medicine while a Student Member of AACMA. The above mentioned and attached details are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. [For corporate documents go to http://www.acupuncture.org.au/About_AACMA/About_AACMA.aspx]

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| SIGNATURES |
| APPLICANT |
| DATE (DD/MM/YYYY) / / |

All enquiries and correspondence to: PO Box 1635 COORPAROO DC QLD 4151
 PH: 07 3457 1800 or Free-call: 1300 725 334 Facsimile: 07 3394 2399 Email: aacma@acupuncture.org.au
 Registered office and national administration: Unit 1, 55 Clarence Street, COORPAROO QLD 4151

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received

Date Processed