

Dear Student,

As the CEO of Australia's leading peak body for counselling and psychotherapy in Australia, I invite you to become a member of the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA).

We can't wait to welcome you into the fold. As a student member, you will be joining a community of highly skilled practitioners, will receive free insurance for your placement(s), a free copy of our professional magazine *Psychotherapy and Counselling Today*, and access to discounted professional development provided by our expert community of members. For a full list of our student membership benefits, read the enclosed flyer, [and visit our website to join as a student member](#).

Importantly, you will be part of a respected organisation which advocates for the counselling and psychotherapy profession to government, communities, and stakeholders. PACFA maintains the highest standards for counselling and psychotherapy education and training across the country. Our advocacy promotes the benefits of counselling and psychotherapy, improves employment opportunities for practitioners, and gains recognition for the expertise of our members.

Once you graduate, you will be eligible for Provisional (New Graduate) membership. You will receive a 25% discount on your first annual membership fee, gain access to PACFA-exclusive partnerships, and can create a profile on our 'Find a Therapist' search so that clients are able to find you easily. As a provisional new graduate member, you will also be eligible to use one of PACFA's exclusive registered titles – Certified Practising Counsellor – and will receive a digital badge displaying this title.

Your participation in PACFA will be appreciated whether through our colleges, branches or Leadership Groups. Our College of Psychotherapy is setting new standards for psychotherapy training in Australia, and PACFA is proud to lead the sector with innovation such as the establishment of the Indigenous-led College of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices - recognising and supporting the development of Indigenous Healing Practice.

In 2022 PACFA aims to continue to energise this dynamic sector – working to increase accessibility of counselling and psychotherapy for the benefit of the Australian community.

We look forward to counting you as one of our highly-skilled and valuable members.

Yours sincerely,



Johanna de Wever | CEO



*Our exclusive registered title, available to PACFA members only.*



# Membership benefits

PACFA provides members with access to valuable services and resources, designed to promote professional excellence.

		Affiliate	Student	Academic	Provisional	Clinical
<b>Promoting your profession</b>						
Advocacy	We campaign for greater recognition of counsellors and psychotherapists by governments, private health funds and organisations that provide counselling services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion	PACFA advocates for the counselling and psychotherapy professions to the public via media and on social media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Member resources</b>						
Digital membership badge	Access PACFA-exclusive trademarked titles for use on your communication and promotion materials				✓	✓
Members-only jobs board	Access counselling and psychotherapy specific jobs, targeted to PACFA members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional indemnity insurance	Access to affordable insurance cover through our partner Insurance House, with free insurance included in student membership		✓		✓	✓
Free Branch membership	Professional development and networking opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free College membership	Network with, and learn from, other practitioners in the same modality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Code of ethics	As a self-regulating body, PACFA members are guided by our code of ethics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>CPD &amp; practice support</b>						
Supervision	Access a list of highly qualified PACFA-accredited supervisors and low-cost group supervision	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Endorsed supervision training	Endorsed supervisor training programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted CPD events	Access to member-discounted high quality online and face to face CPD run by PACFA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Endorsed CPD	Access to PACFA-endorsed CPD that meets our membership renewal requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free webinar CPD	Access to past PACFA webinar recordings, free of charge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ethics Help Desk	Free ethics advice help line	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jobs and practice growth	Eligible members* have access to up to 10 health fund rebates, can register with numerous employee assistance programs, and can become NDIS providers				✓	✓
Find a therapist profile	Free promotion via the member therapist directory on our website				✓	✓
Professional advice	Professional practice support from expert PACFA staff	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Staying connected</b>						
PACJA Journal	Access to the international, peer-reviewed journal, PACJA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Printed PACFA Magazine, <i>Psychotherapy and Counselling Today</i>	Providing opinion pieces, clinical articles and more	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enewsletter	Updates on PACFA's advocacy work each month, member opportunities, useful information, updates and more	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council and AGM	Twice-yearly platform for the counselling and psychotherapy community to share best practice, network and learn			✓	✓	✓
Conference	Our conference is held every two years on emerging themes in counselling and psychotherapy, with discounted tickets available to our members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\* Individual eligibility criteria apply. Not all initiatives accept applications from Provisional members, and some require certain qualifications.



## PACFA Members - Enjoy a Smart Way to Insure

Thousands of Australian Health Professionals choose Insurance House every year as their preferred provider for insurance. A policy that is backed by a dedicated team of consultants, competitive rates year in, year out and market leading coverage.

### Limit of Indemnity:

- \$20M Professional Indemnity any one claim / \$20M Public Liability & Goods Sold Supplied any one claim
- \$60M Policy Aggregate

### The PACFA Master Policy, exclusively for PACFA members.

For more information and pricing please visit [www.pacfa.org.au/portal/Membership/PACFA-Master-Insurance](http://www.pacfa.org.au/portal/Membership/PACFA-Master-Insurance).

Category 1 - All the attached modalities	
Member State	Annual Premium
NSW	\$162.47
ACT	\$159.50
QLD	\$163.96
VIC / WA / NT / TAS	\$164.45
SA	\$164.95
Students	Free

### Insurance Costs

These prices are the total amount payable (including stamp duty, GST, Administration Fee and PACFA Referral Fee) per practitioner and are valid to 30 June 2022. Individual Insurance options are also available for both PACFA Individual & PACFA Member Association members. For details please visit [www.pacfa.org.au/portal/Membership/PACFA-Master-Insurance](http://www.pacfa.org.au/portal/Membership/PACFA-Master-Insurance)

## 10 Great Reasons to choose PACFA Member Insurance

- Excellent cover at a competitive price
- Thousands of active practitioners have confidence in our service.
- Nil Excess in the event of a claim
- 3-in -1 policy coverage including:
  - Professional Indemnity Insurance
  - Public Liability Insurance
  - Goods Sold and Supplied Insurance
- Unlimited Retroactive Cover excluding known circumstances or claims
- Unlimited Run off cover when you retire
- Easy purchase process with your PACFA Membership
- Dedicated and experienced claims team
- Cyber Liability option
- Legal Hotline for non insurance enquiries



## Apply for your PACFA Master Policy when renewing your membership

This advice has been prepared without taking into account your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. You should therefore consider the appropriateness of the advice, in light of your objectives, financial situation or needs before following the advice. Please obtain a copy of, and consider the product disclosure statement (PDS) applicable to the general insurance product before making any decision.  
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