



Join the IPA

Thank you for your interest in membership with the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA).

The IPA has a passion for small business. More than 75 per cent of our members are either serving small business or are small business in their own right.

The IPA is a global accounting association that is dedicated to drive benefits and value for its members. We pride ourselves on providing members with support that is flexible, responsive and solutions focused.

The IPA membership will give you high level recognition in the accounting profession, keep you up to date on technical issues and ensure your concerns are voiced with government and key industry sectors.

Things you need to know

- The minimum qualification for admission is an Australian Diploma of Accounting. We also offer admission to statutory registration holders with the Tax Practitioners Board (TPB) or/and Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) and to current members of an International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Member level body (see www.ifac.org/about-ifac/membership/member-organizations-and-country-profiles).
- If you offer or plan to offer professional accounting and related services to the public for a fee, you may also need to apply for a practicing certificate with your membership application. This includes you being a principal, director, partner, shareholder or owner of a business, billing under your own ABN, or acting in a statutory capacity such as an SMSF auditor. If you are a registered BAS agent with the TPB and if you provide bookkeeping/BAS agent services only, you are required to apply for a Public BAS Practitioner Certificate. If you provide accounting and related services and if your gross annual income exceeds or is expected to exceed the ATO tax-free-threshold, you are required to apply for a Professional Practice Certificate. Please contact your local IPA office on 1800 625 625 for further information.
- The IPA membership subscription year is a financial year. Members admitted during the financial year will have their membership fees calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- Assessment of your eligibility for membership requires payment of a non-refundable application fee.

Understanding the membership admission process

Step 1 Complete and sign the membership application form.

Check our website or contact your local IPA office for further information about criteria for admission, membership levels and fees.

Step 2 Submit your application including supporting documents to your local IPA office.

Step 3 The IPA will contact you to request further information, if required.

Step 4 Once approved, you will receive your membership certificate and welcome kit by post.

Please note:

- If any information is incomplete or required documents not submitted with the application, IPA will not be able to finalise your assessment.
- We encourage you to contact your local IPA office on 1800 625 625 if you need more information about your eligibility or assistance with any aspect of this application process.

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Your personal details

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other, please state _____ Gender Male Female

Given name _____ Middle name _____ Family name _____

Preferred name _____ Previous name (if changed) _____

Name to appear on IPA membership certificate

Please indicate how you would like your name to appear on your membership certificate (e.g. John David Smith).

Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____ (mandatory, dd/mm/yyyy)

Are you already on our records? No Yes: Reference Number _____

Contact details Preferred mailing address (Please indicate if this address is Residential or Business)

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Suburb/Town/City _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact phone numbers: Mobile _____ Business _____ Home _____

Email address (mandatory) _____

B

More information about you

Have you ceased to be a member of a professional body due to disciplinary action? No Yes

Have you ever been refused admission to the IPA or any other professional body? No Yes

Have you ever had any criminal convictions within or outside Australia? No Yes

Have you been the subject of an unfavourable decision by a professional body and/or a Regulator? No Yes

Have you ever been declared bankrupt or insolvent? No Yes

Note: If you answered Yes to any question(s), please provide details on a separate page with any related official documentation.

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Membership of International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Member level bodies

Professional body	Membership ID	Country	Admission date	Current member level	Membership paid to
<i>e.g: CA ANZ</i>	<i>12345</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>28/01/2009</i>	<i>CA</i>	<i>30/06/2019</i>

Note: Please check if your membership body is one of the IFAC Member level bodies: www.ifac.org/about-ifac/membership/member-organizations-and-country-profiles.

If this is your admission basis, please provide documentary evidence of your current membership with this application (e.g. membership certificate and current membership renewal tax invoice receipt, or a letter of good standing).

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D Qualifications

Please include details of fully completed relevant qualifications.

Qualification	Major	Institution	Location & country	Date completed*
<i>e.g: Bachelor of Commerce</i>	<i>Accounting</i>	<i>University of NSW</i>	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>	<i>22/10/2011</i>

*The date when all requirements were completed and you became eligible to receive an award.

Note: Please refer to FAQ 1 for supporting document requirements.

E Professional work experience in accountancy and related fields

From	To	Position title	FT, PT or Casual	Employer name
<i>e.g. 08/06/2012</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>FT</i>	<i>Accounting for you</i>
Responsibilities	<i>Tax returns for individual, partnership, or company. Supervising two Accountants.</i>			
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F Statutory registrations

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) registrations	Tax Practitioners Board (TPB) registrations
<input type="radio"/> Australian Financial Services Licensee (AFSL) No. _____ <input type="radio"/> Limited AFSL No. _____ *If the licence is not under your name, are you the Responsible Manager? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (See Note below)	<input type="radio"/> Individual BAS agent No. _____
<input type="radio"/> Australian Financial Services Authorised Representative No. _____ (Licensee name: _____) Licence No. _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Limited AFSL or <input type="checkbox"/> AFSL)	<input type="radio"/> Individual tax (financial) adviser No. _____
<input type="radio"/> Australian Financial Adviser No. _____ (Licensee name: _____) Licence No. _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Limited AFSL or <input type="checkbox"/> AFSL)	<input type="radio"/> Individual tax agent No. _____
<input type="radio"/> Registered Company Auditor No. _____	
<input type="radio"/> Official Liquidator No. _____	
<input type="radio"/> Registered Liquidator No. _____	
<input type="radio"/> SMSF Auditor No. _____	
<input type="radio"/> Credit Licensee No. _____	
<input type="radio"/> Credit Representative No. _____ (Licensee Name: _____ Licence No. _____)	

Note: You are not required to provide evidence. We will verify your registration(s) on the ASIC and/or TPB website(s). However, for an Australian Financial Services Licensee (Both AFSL and Limited AFSL), if the licence is under the entity's name and you are the Responsible Manager, please provide documentary evidence.

G Professional services

If you offer or plan to offer professional accounting and related services to the public for a fee, you may need to apply for a practicing certificate with your IPA membership. This includes you being a principal, director, partner, shareholder or owner of a business, billing under your own ABN, or acting in a statutory capacity such as an SMSF auditor. If you are a registered BAS agent with the TPB and if you provide bookkeeping and BAS agent services only, you are required to apply for a Public BAS Practitioner Certificate. If you provide accounting and related services and if your gross annual income exceeds or is expected to exceed the ATO tax-free-threshold, you are required to apply for a Professional Practice Certificate. Please contact your local IPA office on 1800 625 625 for further information. Please also refer to FAQ 2.

Do you provide or intend to provide professional accounting or related services to the public? Yes No

If you answered Yes to the above, please complete the below:

Business name: _____ ABN: _____

Your interest in the business: Sole trader Partner Company Director Shareholder Employee

If 'yes' please state nature of the services provided:

Do you advertise or/and provide BAS agent services for a fee? Yes No

Do you advertise or/and provide tax advice in relation to financial planning for a fee? Yes No

Do you advertise or/and provide tax agent services for a fee? Yes No

Do you audit self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs) for a fee? Yes No

Do you provide financial planning services, investment advice or SMSF advice for a fee? Yes No

Is your gross annual income from providing services more than \$18,200 (current threshold)? Yes No

Note: If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, we may need further information before finalising our assessment.

H Declaration

I declare that:

- I have read the IPA's membership price list and understand that I will be charged an application fee and a membership fee. I understand my first year membership fee is pro rata according to the month in which I join, then annually thereafter due on 1 July - refer to the link in Section J on the next page.
- I understand that by providing the credit/debit card details or cheque details, I am confirming that I have sufficient funds and have authorised for IPA to process all the fees relevant to this application as prescribed in Section J. I also understand that my membership will not become active until the payment has been received by the IPA and I will receive a tax invoice/receipt via email upon successful payment.
- I have read the IPA's Privacy Statement¹ and consent to my personal information being collected, used and disclosed for the purposes outlined.
- I understand that my eligibility for membership will be based on the information and supporting documents that I have supplied for this application.
- I understand that I may be asked to produce documentary evidence to substantiate my eligibility and should I be unable to provide required evidence within 14 days, I will forfeit my membership and all monies paid to the IPA.
- I understand that the IPA has an investigations and disciplinary process² to accept written complaints against IPA members. I also understand that as a condition of membership, all IPA members are subject to this investigation and disciplinary process for alleged breaches of the IPA Constitution, By-laws, Pronouncements³ and professional and ethical standards.
- If admitted to membership,
 - a. I agree to abide by the IPA Constitution, By-laws, Pronouncements and all Standards and Guidance Statements issued by the Auditing & Assurance Standards Board of Australia, the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board;
 - b. I agree to undertake and keep a record of my continuing professional development activities, meeting the requirements of Pronouncement 7;
 - c. I agree to advise the IPA should I become bankrupt, be charged with any criminal offence or be the subject of an adverse finding by any professional or regulatory body; and
 - d. I acknowledge that I am not permitted to act as a principal in public practice or hold myself out as being a principal in public practice, or undertake any public accounting services in my own right unless I meet the PPC requirements of IPA.

I certify that the information provided on this application form and attachments is true and correct.

Full name _____

Signature _____ **Date** ____ / ____ / ____

¹For full Privacy Policy and Collection Notice, go to www.publicaccountants.org.au/portal/privacy-and-policy.

²For the IPA Complaint Investigation and Member Disciplinary Action information, go to www.publicaccountants.org.au/about-us/complaint-investigation-member-disciplinary-action.

³For the IPA Constitution, By-laws and Pronouncements, go to www.publicaccountants.org.au/about-us/ipa-rules-and-standards. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in disciplinary action.

I IPA Program

The IPA Program is conducted in association with the Deakin University. This is the IPA's key pathway to professional advancement as well as a great opportunity to obtain a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Deakin University. Please refer to FAQ 6 or visit www.publicaccountants.org.au/education/ipaprogram. If you would like more information, please tick here. Yes

Where did you hear about us?

- Contacted by an IPA staff member Magazine Search engine Facebook Twitter
 YouTube LinkedIn IPA website chat box University TAFE Friends Work colleagues
 IPA member IPA CPD events Other _____

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Payment details

Your application must include payment of

- A non-refundable application fee of \$160; **AND**
- Membership fees payable (see www.publicaccountants.org.au/become-a-member/how-to-apply/fees).

Payment authority

I have enclosed a cheque/money order payable to “Institute of Public Accountants”

OR

Please charge my AMEX MasterCard Visa

Card number _____ Expiry date ____ / ____

Cardholder name _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Application fee	___ \$160.00
Membership fee	\$ _____
Total amount due	\$ _____
Campaign code #	_____
(if applicable)	

All fees are GST inclusive

Signature _____ **Date** ____ / ____ / ____

Upon payment, you will receive a Tax Invoice email.

Checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Have you attached required documentary evidence?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplementary details regarding information about you (<i>if required – Section B</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copies of award certificates and transcripts for qualifications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Authorised your credit card payment for (a) the application fee, and (b) the pro-rata membership fees under section J or provided a cheque made payable to The Institute of Public Accountants?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Section H declaration?

Any questions? Please contact us on 1800 625 625 (9 am – 5 pm (AEST), Monday to Friday).

How to submit your form:

Please scan and email your completed application with required documentary evidence to your local IPA office below.

Contact details for IPA offices

<p>New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory Street address Level 10, 210 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000 Postal address Locked Bag A6090, Sydney South NSW 1235 t (02) 8262 6000 f (02) 9251 5201 e nswdivn@publicaccountants.org.au</p>	<p>Queensland Street address Level 11, 300 Queen Street, Brisbane QLD 4000 Postal address GPO Box 2578, Brisbane QLD 4001 t (07) 3034 0900 f (07) 3229 8586 e qlddivn@publicaccountants.org.au</p>
<p>South Australia & Northern Territory Street address Level 2, 422 King William Street, Adelaide Postal address PO Box 6368, Halifax Street SA 5000 t (08) 8227 2255 f (08) 8227 1211 e sadivn@publicaccountants.org.au</p>	<p>Tasmania Street address Level 1, 116 Bathurst Street Hobart TAS 7000 Postal address GPO Box 244, Hobart TAS 7001 t (03) 6231 2097 e tasdivn@publicaccountants.org.au</p>
<p>Victoria Street address Level 6, 555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 Postal address GPO Box 1637, Melbourne VIC 3001 t (03) 8665 3150 f (03) 8665 3151 e vicdivn@publicaccountants.org.au</p>	<p>Western Australia Street address Level 4, 1008 Hay Street, Perth WA 6000 Postal address PO Box 7309, Cloisters Square WA 6850 t (08) 9474 1775 f (08) 9474 2911 e wadivn@publicaccountants.org.au</p>

Frequently asked questions

1. What evidence do I need to provide?

If you hold an Australian eligible qualification with an accounting major, or if you are a current member of an International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Member level body, or if you hold a statutory registration with the Tax Practitioners Board (TPB) or/and Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC), no evidence is required at admission as long as you have provided information in your application. However, if the statutory registration is the ASIC Australian Financial Services Licensee (both AFSL and Limited AFSL) and if it is under your entity's name, you are required to provide documentary evidence showing that you are the Responsible Manager. Members admitted under this pathway may be subject to audit as per the declaration made in section **H**.

If you hold an overseas qualification or Australian qualification with a non-accounting major, you need to provide copies of award certificates and transcripts for assessment of eligibility for membership. Documents that are not in English must be submitted with a certified accredited English translation.

Please also include any official Australian assessment of an overseas qualification, if you have any.

Additional evidence may be required depending on your circumstances.

2. When is a practicing certificate required?

If you offer or plan to offer professional accounting and related services to the public for a fee, you may need to apply for a practicing certificate with your IPA membership. This includes you being a principal, director, partner, shareholder or owner of a business, billing under your own ABN, or acting in a statutory capacity such as an SMSF Auditor. Accounting and related services include but not limited to financial accounting services, taxation, auditing, BAS agent services, bookkeeping, financial and investment advice, insolvency and reconstructions, business or management consulting, superannuation advice, insurance and information technology.

If you are a registered BAS agent with the TPB and if you provide bookkeeping and BAS agent services only, you are required to apply for a Public BAS Practitioner Certificate.

If you provide accounting and related services and if your gross annual income exceeds or is expected to exceed the ATO tax-free-threshold, you are required to apply for a Professional Practice Certificate under the IPA By-laws. Please contact your local IPA office on 1800 625 625 for further information.

3. What fees will apply?

You are required to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$160.00. In addition to the application fee, you also need to pay a membership fee. Please see www.publicaccountants.org.au/become-a-member/how-to-apply/fees.

4. How do I advance to Member (MIPA) membership?

You must undertake and complete the IPA Program Stage 1 and the Mentored Experience Program (MEP). Please refer to FAQ 6 and 7 for details.

5. How do I advance to Fellow (FIPA) membership?

You must have been a Member (MIPA) level member for at least 7 consecutive years, and have had at least 10 years relevant work experience (the last 5 years of which must be at a senior level).

6. What is the IPA program and why do I have to undertake the program?

The IPA Program is exclusively to IPA members, delivered by Deakin University. The full IPA Program is made up of two stages, which when completed, will award you a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Deakin University. The first six units of the IPA Program (Stage 1, Pathway Program) have been designed to accommodate the needs of the Associate members. Following the successful completion of the first stage of the IPA Program, Associate (AIPA) members then advance to the Member (MIPA) level, if you have also completed the MEP. You are then welcome to commence the Deakin MBA as the second stage of the IPA Program. For more information, go to www.publicaccountants.org.au/education/ipa-program/program-structure.

7. What is the Mentored Experience Program (MEP)?

The MEP is designed to provide a structured approach to your workplace learning and ongoing professional development. It is entirely a work-experience based program guided by a mentor and is a support mechanism for your career development. The purpose of the program is for you to work with a more experienced accountant who can guide and assist you in the early stages of your career. In the program you will complete suitable work experience and provide documentary evidence relating to a number of agreed areas of work activity under the supervision of a mentor. The MEP is an important condition for advancement to the Member (MIPA) level. For more information, go to www.publicaccountants.org.au/education/mentored-experienceprogram.