

GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION APPLICATIONS FOR CLINICAL FAMILY THERAPIST MEMBERSHIP

From time to time AAFT is asked to consider Clinical Family Therapist Membership applications where the applicant sits outside of the current existing Clinical Family Therapist membership guidelines due to a number of differing circumstances.

Example 1.

Relates to Clause .5

A Clinical Family Therapist membership applicant who does not meet the membership criteria of AAFT but claims equivalent training, experience and membership with an Interstate or International Association or who believes their contribution and involvement in the field of family therapy is significant.

Guidelines:

- The potential applicant would be advised either by phone or letter that the first stage of Clinical Family Therapist Membership will be to engage in a supervisory arrangement with a registered supervisor, (approved by AAFT) who then, in consultation with the applicant will adjudge/assess, within a given timeframe the applicants appropriateness and suitability to proceed with a Clinical Family Therapist Membership application.
- The name of the supervisor that has been approved by AAFT as well as a statement or letter from a previous supervisor who could attest to their work.
- Normal processes for application will then apply.

Example 2.

Relates to Clause .4 (Supervisor 5 years)

A Clinical Family Therapist member (accredited less than 5 years) who requests equivalent recognition for standing as a five year Clinical Family Therapist Member in order to supervise others for Clinical Family Therapist Membership. The member may be from Interstate or another country and believes that he/she had similar standing for the period of time required thereby requesting that the five year registration clause be waived.

Guidelines:

- The applicant would write to the accreditation sub-committee explaining their reasons for requesting exemption of the five year supervision clause.
- The applicant will supply details of other equivalent registrations or allied Associations and how long he/she was a member.
- The applicant needs to also provide details of work and professional experience over the last five years, including supervision work in the family therapy field.
- An accompanying support letter needs to be provided from within their workplace (preferably from their Manager, or other suitable referrer) who could attest to their therapeutic work and the reasons by which an exemption ought to be granted.
- The provision of a videotape demonstrating their work with families.
- Any documentation to support Professional Development/Training in the area of supervision since Clinical Family Therapist Membership accreditation.

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