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## CHECKLIST FOR THE ACPHA ACCREDITATION CATEGORIES

Under the *National Standards* endorsed by the Australian Council of Professional Historians Associations (ACPHA), Australia-wide accreditation is available in the categories known as **Professional Historian**, **Professional Historian (Associate)** and **Graduate Historian**. In some states/territories, accreditation is also available in the category known as **Historical Researcher**.

Each application is assessed on the basis of its compliance with the requirements for qualifications and/or professional experience set down in the relevant *National Standard*. This checklist identifies acceptable qualifications and lengths of experience. A member, once accredited, will be entitled to seek an upgrade to a higher level of accreditation on the basis of further study, professional experience and/or appropriate professional development.

Applications that do not match the criteria in this checklist must, if based on the possession of qualifications and/or experience said to be equivalent to those set down in the *National Standard for the Accreditation of Professional Historians in Australia*, be referred to the ACPHA Selection Committee for determination.

### Professional Historian

| <u>Highest tertiary qualification in history</u> | <u>Other qualifications</u>                | <u>Experience</u> |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Doctorate  | Nil  | Nil               |
| Masters (research/thesis component $\geq$ 50%)   | Nil  | 1 year            |
| Masters (primarily by coursework)                | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 18 months         |
| Honours or Masters Preliminary/Qualifying        | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 2 years           |
| Postgrad. Diploma (research/thesis $\geq$ 50%)   | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 2 years           |
| Graduate Diploma (research/thesis $\geq$ 50%)    | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 2 years           |

### Professional Historian (Associate)

| <u>Highest tertiary qualification in history</u> | <u>Other qualifications</u>                | <u>Experience</u> |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Masters (research/thesis component $\geq$ 50%)   | Nil  | Nil               |
| Masters (primarily by coursework)                | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | Nil               |
| Honours or Masters Preliminary/Qualifying        | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 1 year            |
| Postgrad. Diploma (research/thesis $\geq$ 50%)   | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 1 year            |
| Graduate Diploma (research/thesis $\geq$ 50%)    | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 1 year            |

**Graduate Historian**

| <u>Highest tertiary qualification in history</u>   | <u>Other qualifications</u>                | <u>Experience</u> |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Honours or Masters Preliminary/Qualifying          | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | Nil               |
| Postgrad. Diploma (research/thesis $\geq$ 50%)     | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | Nil               |
| Graduate Diploma (research/thesis $\geq$ 50%)      | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | Nil               |
| Postgrad. Diploma (primarily by coursework)        | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 6 months          |
| Graduate Diploma (primarily by coursework)         | BA credits in/allied to history $\geq$ 25% | 6 months          |
| Bachelor Degree (BA credits in history $\geq$ 25%) | n/a  | 1 year            |

**Historical Researcher**

| <u>Highest tertiary qualification in history</u> | <u>Other qualifications</u> | <u>Experience</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Postgrad. Diploma (primarily by coursework)      | Nil                         | Nil               |
| Graduate Diploma (primarily by coursework)       | Nil                         | Nil               |
| Bachelor Degree                                  | Nil                         | Nil               |
| No tertiary qualification in/allied to history   | n/a                         | 3 years           |