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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