

Why should I join a professional body?

Recent reports examining the education industry by Government and the Australian Council of Private Education and Training (ACPET) highlight the need for a strong, robust organisation to represent Education Agents.

- [Stronger, simpler, smarter ESOS: supporting international students](#) released by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) in February 2010
- [International Student Strategy](#) released by Minister Chris Evans in October 2010

By becoming a part of your peak industry body, you promote yourself as a professional, agree to adhere to a stringent Code of Ethics and express a desire to develop your skills within the field through education programs. These objectives, along with membership credentials, provide a form of security for clients when engaging your services.

In addition, you gain access to a range of professional resources and services that assist in the development of your business, whilst expanding the range of benefits you can offer to clients through associated providers aligned with the Institute.

What criteria must I meet to become an Affiliate Member?

The criteria to join the MIA as an Affiliate Member represent a benchmark for those working in the field.

Educational aspects:

- Must hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher qualification
- Must have completed the Education Agent Training Course (EATC)
- Must pass an IELTS 6 or TOEFL equivalent (waived if Bachelor's Degree completed in English)
- Must undertake the MIA's Bridging Course within the first six (6) months covering Ethics and Conflict of Interests, Student Visas and the *ESOS Act* and File Management and Client Contracts

Peer review:

- Must be proposed by a current MIA Member (RMA)
- Must provide three (3) independent references supporting membership application, with a minimum of two (2) from higher education providers
- Must provide one (1) client reference supporting membership application

Documentation required:

- Must provide detail on any bankruptcy claim, civil disputes or outstanding complaints where relevant
- Must complete an AFP National Police Check

Additional requirements:

- Must have access to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's eVisa system if based in India, China, Thailand or Indonesia
- Must permit the MIA to publish personal details as an "intending member" on the MIA website for a period of 30 days prior to membership approval
- Must agree to actively support the Code of Ethics
- Must be prepared to co-operate with the MIA in any investigation should a complaint be brought against you or your practice entity

For more information on the joining process, benefits and criteria, visit the MIA website at: www.mia.org.au/educationagent.



APPLICANT DETAILS

Family Name:		Title (circle): Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr
Given Name(s):		
Business Name:		
Business Address:		
		Postcode:
Postal Address: [<input type="checkbox"/> same as above]		
Phone No: ()		Fax No: ()
		Mobile No: ()
Email:		QAEC Number:
Web page URL:		ABN:

NOMINATED BY:

PROPOSER

Name: _____ MIA Member No: _____
 Signed: _____ Date: _____

Note: If you do not know a financial member of the MIA to propose your application, please include a covering note to inform us and we will assist with organising a nomination for you.

PAYMENT BY:

Once your application is complete, please provide payment details as per below.

- Cheque: Enclosed payment of \$ _____
- Cheque or Money order payable to MIA
 - Post to: MIA, PO BOX Q102, QVB Post Office, NSW 1230
- Credit Card: Please charge \$ _____ to my Credit Card (Visa/Mastercard)
- Fax to: MIA at (02) 9279 3172 or email to info@mia.org.au

Card No: _____ Exp: ____ / ____

Card Holders Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

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 * No joining fee (normally \$55)

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MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS and SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Have you completed the Education Agent Training Course?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you hold a Bachelor Degree or higher qualification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please attach supporting documentation</i>		
Have you completed the Australian Federal Police National Police Check?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please attach supporting documentation</i>		
Do you have access to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's eVisa System?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you or any member of your firm (or firms you are affiliated with) been, to the best of your knowledge, subject to: bankruptcy, receivership, placed under official management, being wound up, official investigation, charges or convictions within the past 10 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please attach details</i>		
Have you obtained three (3) independent references supporting your application, with a minimum of two (2) from higher education providers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please complete details below and attach supporting documentation</i>		
Education Provider 1:		
Education Provider 2:		
Education Provider 3:		
Have you obtained one (1) client reference supporting your application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, please attach supporting documentation</i>		

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT:

By signing this application, you:

- ✓ agree the information above is correct and allow this information to be listed in the MIA database
- ✓ agree to provide any updates of this information to the MIA in a timely manner
- ✓ permit the MIA to publish your personal details as an intending member at www.mia.org.au/intendingmember
- ✓ agree to your email address being used for distribution by the MIA of News Bulletins and other information in relation to your Membership of the MIA and benefits and services of the MIA
- ✓ agree to actively support the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct
- ✓ are prepared to co-operate with the MIA in an investigation should a complaint be brought against you or your practice entity

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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