

Criteria For Membership

① Professional members:

The following shall be eligible for Professional Membership
Persons who

- (i) have teacher training and experience,
- (ii) have completed a course of post-graduate tertiary training which included studies in guidance and counselling practices and is recognised by the Executive as suitable training for guidance and counselling duties,
- (iii) have performed duties recognised by the Executive as quality guidance and counselling practices for a period equivalent to a minimum of twelve (12) months full time

OR have other training of an educational nature and/or practical guidance and counselling experience which the Executive Committee recognises as suitable for membership of the Association.

② Associate Members:

The following shall be eligible for Associate membership of the association:

Persons who subscribe to the objects of the Association, and wish to receive publications and participate in Association activities, but who are ineligible for professional membership.

③ Student Members

Students enrolled in guidance and counselling courses receive a 50 per cent discount on the QGCA membership fee.

Associate and student members have no voting rights

Further information about QGCA
and membership application forms
are available on our website

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The QGCA is an incorporated
professional association which:

- works for the professional development and welfare of members
- has members working in guidance and counselling in all levels of education
- has members working in state, independent and Catholic schools
- has been actively supporting guidance officers/school counsellors since 1982

Vision

To be the professional association that provides leadership and support in educational guidance and counselling.

Mission Statement

To contribute to excellence in education by promoting quality leadership in guidance and counselling by promoting high ethical standards and by providing effective individual and professional support to members.

Goals

The achievement of this mission will be guided by the following goals.

1 Professional standards

The establishment of a process that develops and monitors effective and accountable guidance and counselling practice.

2 Advocacy

The advocacy for effective policies and service delivery for the benefit of members, students and the wider school community.

3 Communication and marketing

The development of partnerships for the promotion and development of the objectives, roles and policies of the association.

4 Research

The establishment of a research culture within the membership in order to advance the knowledge base, to identify and resolve issues in student and member welfare and to identify and highlight examples of best practice.

5 Internal administration

The establishment of a devolved structure that promotes participative decision making which is accountable to members and is financially viable.

Supporting the Continuing Professional Development of members

QGCA Objectives

The objectives of the association are:

- 1 To work for the professional development and welfare of members
- 2 To promote the guidance and counselling profession as one of responsibility and significance in education
- 3 To work for the betterment of the guidance and counselling profession in Queensland
- 4 To promote further training and supervision in the profession
- 5 To provide a forum for discussion of matters of professional interest to members
- 6 To affiliate with national and international organisations of guidance and counselling and psychology
- 7 To initiate discussions with senior officers of the major employer associations and other educational bodies relevant to the members of the Association
- 8 To promote research in the area of guidance and counselling
- 9 To promote and publish such journals, monographs and other publications as the Executive shall from time to time decide
- 10 To cooperate with other professional, educational, welfare and community organisations

QGCA Services

Quarterly electronic newsletter to all members

Membership of the Australian Guidance and Counselling Association

Australian Journal of Guidance and Counselling, published by the national association

Quarterly Twilight PD events

QGCA website where members can access

- ▶ back issues of Connections
- ▶ podcasts of Twilight PD
- ▶ means of recording CPD

Discount registration for workshops and conferences organised by QGCA or partner organizations

Sponsorship of professional development activities, conferences and National School Counselling Week events

Opportunity for our members to be recognised as accredited career development practitioners

Active lobbying on matters of professional interest

Opportunities to become a member of the QGCA executive