

Counsellor Council of India (CCI) Membership Criteria & Fee

The Counsellor Council of India (CCI) offers various membership categories designed to foster professional growth, ethical practice, and collaboration in the field of counselling and mental health. Below are the details for the membership criteria, benefits, and associated fees:

1. Life Member

Eligibility:

- **Post Graduate degree** (M.Sc./MA) or its equivalent in counselling, psychology, social work, or a related field from a recognized institution.
- Alternatively, a **Bachelor's degree** (BA/BSc) in psychology, counselling, social work, or a related field combined with at least **two years of relevant work experience** and a **letter of reference** from a Registered Counsellor or supervisor.

Rights and Privileges:

- **Vote** and serve as an officer or committee chair.
- **Initiate** committees, events, and divisions.
- **Access to CCI publications.**
- **Promotion of job opportunities** and professional development within India.
- **Discounts** for CCI programs and events.
- **Formal documentation** of membership status upon request.

Membership Fee:

- **INR 0 per year** (Membership is free)

Requirements for the registration:

- A person apply for Life Membership must complete and submit **any two** of the following **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** courses organized by CCI or in collaboration with other institutes:
 1. **Ethics and Code of Conduct in Counselling** (Free)
 2. **WHO Quality Rights e-Training on Mental Health** (Free)
 3. **CPD on Psychometric Assessment** (Paid - INR 1000)
 4. **CPD on Basic Counselling Skills** (Paid - INR 1000)

2. Associate/Affiliated Member

Eligibility:

- Individuals with an **interest in counselling** or related mental health fields. **Professionals from complementary disciplines** such as educators, healthcare professionals, and social workers are also eligible.

Rights and Privileges:

- **Access to emails** about job opportunities and conferences.
- **Receive CCI publications** and event information.
- **Discounts** for CCI events and programs.
- **Formal documentation** of membership status upon request.
- **Non-voting status** and ineligible for office-holding roles.

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3. Student Member

Eligibility:

- Individuals currently **enrolled in a recognized educational program** related to counselling, psychology, social work, or any mental health-related field.

Rights and Privileges:

- **Access to job opportunities** and research lists.
- **Receive CCI publications** and event information.
- **Discounts** for CCI events and programs.
- **Formal documentation** of membership status upon request.
- **Non-voting status** and ineligible for office-holding roles.

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4. Institutional Member

Eligibility:

- Open to **organizations, universities, colleges, training institutes, research centres, NGOs, government agencies**, and other institutions that support the advancement of counselling and mental health services.

Categories of Institutional Membership:

- **Institutional Member:** Organizations offering **counselling or mental health-related services**, education, or training programs, adhering to CCI's ethical standards.
- **Affiliate Institutional Member:** Institutions that **do not directly offer counselling services** but are aligned with CCI's goals, such as those focusing on **research, mental health advocacy**, or related fields.

Benefits of Institutional Membership:

- **Institutional Member:**
 - **Exclusive networking** opportunities through CCI events, conferences, and workshops.
 - **Inclusion in the CCI directory** and on the official CCI website.
 - **Right to participate** in the development of policies, guidelines, and resources for the profession.
 - **Access to resources**, publications, and training materials produced by CCI.
 - **Priority registration** and **discounted rates** for CCI events and programs.
 - **Eligibility for collaborative projects** and funding opportunities.
 - **Recognition** as an Institutional Member in CCI's official publications and social media.
- **Affiliate Institutional Member:**
 - **Access to CCI newsletters** and updates.
 - **Opportunity to participate** in professional development events (subject to space availability).
 - **Discounts for staff** or students attending CCI programs.
 - **Inclusion in the CCI directory** (listed as an Affiliate Member).
 - **Invitations to CCI-hosted events** and research forums (without voting rights).

Membership Fee:

- **Institutional Member: INR 50,000 per year**
- **Affiliate Institutional Member: INR 25,000 per year**
- Membership dues are **non-refundable** and are due annually on the anniversary of the institution's membership approval.

5. National Registers:

- Separate **National Registers** for:
 - **Professional Counsellors (PC)**
 - **Associate Professional Counsellors/Vocational Guidance Experts**
 - **Student Counsellors**
- The Registers will be published on the CCI website, providing recognition to those listed.

Exemption on Experience:

- **Ph.D. holders** may be credited with **2 years of experience**.
- Maximum experience exemption for higher education shall not exceed **3 years**.

6. Application Review

- All membership applications will be reviewed by the **Membership Committee**.
- Applicants will be notified of their status after the review to ensure they meet the required criteria.

7. Membership Dues

- Membership dues for categories with fees will be **renewed annually** on the anniversary of the initial approval date.
- **CCI reserves the right** to amend membership dues and will notify members of any changes in advance.

For more information about Membership benefits, detailed eligibility criteria, and to apply for membership, please visit the official website: www.cci.org.in.