

Announcement and Criteria

CCI MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA & FEE

A. Life Member

1. All those who are qualified Graduates with psychology, known to be of good character in the community, may become Members of the Association and shall be members by contributing their **20 Hours free / voluntary services towards mental health and career guidance** and will be called as **Life Members**. There is no fee for the Life Membership.
2. Register Members should complete and submit any two of the course completion certificate of “**Continuing Professional Development**” program organized by CCI or in collaboration with other institutes.
3. The fee of the CPD program will be 1000/- Per course, which should involve:-
 - a. Ethics and Code of conduct in counselling. (Free)
 - b. Basic Counselling Skill.(Paid)
 - c. WHO Quality Rights e-training on mental health. (Free)
 - d. Professional Development course on Psychometric Assessment. (Paid)

B. Institutional Member

Institutions with interests related to the Association may become **Institutional Members** by remitting Rs. 10,000 /- on one time basis.

C. Annual Member

Students from Psychology/ Social Work or developmental stream known to be of good character in the community, may become Members of the Association and shall be members by contributing their **10 Hours free / voluntary services towards mental health and career guidance** and will be called as **Annual Members**. There is no fee for the **Annual Membership**.

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Registration of Professional Counsellors, Member Associations on a voluntary basis

Who is a Professional Counsellor: - A Professional Counsellor is one who has an approved Counselling qualification, continuously updates his skills and knowledge in his chosen Counselling specialization, follows and is bound by an Ethics Code formulated by his Peer Group.

The registration has following features:

- 1. National Registers:** There will be separate National Registers for (i) Professional Counsellor (ii) Associate Professional Counsellor/Vocational Guidance Expert (iii) Student Counsellor. The Criteria for registration under each category are given in para 7 below.
- 2.** There will be separate National Registers under each category for different Counselling fields/ disciplines: Guidance, Career Development, Personal/Social/ Marital/ Adolescent/ Sexual/ Spiritual/ Geriatric/ Child/ Industrial/ HIV& other diseases counselling, etc.
- 3.** The National Registers will be uploaded on the website of CCI (and respective Member Association) so as to provide recognition to those whose names appear on the Registers.
- 4. Board of Registration:** A Board of Registration with eminent Counsellors as members is being constituted to guide, oversee the process of registration and take final decision. National Committee may be set up for each field/discipline of Counselling for registering.
- 5. Approaching Client/employer organisations:** CCI and Member Associations would inform public bodies of central and state governments and local bodies regarding the National Registers of Counsellors and advise them to consider the registered Counsellors for enrolment on their Panels as well as for various jobs/assignments.
- 6. Benefits of Registration to Counsellors:**
 - (i) Better credibility and possibility to make use of the branding of CCI and concerned Member Associations, as the names would be listed on the website
 - (ii) Can use the Certificate of Registration as Professional Counsellor in the National Register as a part of CV, and
 - (iii) Better prospects for assignments/jobs after this is publicised to client/employer organisations.
- 7. Criteria for registering as Professional Counsellor (PC):** The candidate-
 - i. Has a Master' Degree in Counselling / Psychology from a recognized university / institution or equivalent qualification as approved by the UGC / Government of India
 - ii. Has relevant working experience of at least 1 years as a Counsellor.
 - iii. Is of good character (has not been involved in any case of moral turpitude)
 - iv. Is evaluated through written examination or interview, to be conducted by Counselling Council of India or its Member Associations
 - v. Has maintained continued professional development since graduation at a satisfactory level
 - vi. Undertakes to adhere to the Code of Ethics laid down by CCI.
 - vii. Makes a formal application with prescribed fee to the CCI

7 (A.) Exemptions on Experience for PE

- viii. The candidate can be credited with 2 years of experience if he/she has obtained a Ph.D. from a recognized institution
- ix. Maximum exemption for higher education shall not exceed 3 years.

8. Exemption of Examination/Interview:

For those having a total of 10 years of experience, of which at least 05 years is in responsible position- Those having 20 years' experience can be designated as senior professional Counsellors.

9. Associate Professional Counsellor/Vocational Guidance Expert-

Enrolled as an Associate Professional Counsellor/Vocational Guidance Expert should have Master Degree or Diploma in Counselling / Psychology in a recognized university / institution or equivalent qualification as approved by the UGC / Government of India.

For detailed information, forms etc, go to web site www.ccc.org.in