



## What we offer

The Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA) formed in 1986 to represent the collective views and interests of not-for-profit organisations providing alcohol and other drugs treatment utilising the Therapeutic Community Model.

- Our membership is comprised of services operating under the Therapeutic Community Model or aspiring to become a therapeutic community.
- Our membership provides residential treatment, day programs, withdrawal management services and prison-based alcohol and other drug treatment programs, across Australia and New Zealand.
- Our standard for therapeutic communities and residential rehabilitation services has been developed as a benchmark of quality for residential treatment services.
- We support our members to adopt the ATCA standard as a pathway to accreditation.
- We provide our members with unique opportunities to share information and learn about new innovations and practices within therapeutic community and residential rehabilitation services.
- We are committed to supporting our member's workforce development activities by the provision of training and education about the Therapeutic Community Model.
- We have the needs of our members as our core business, and also engages with a wider audience to promote the Therapeutic Community Model.

## What you demonstrate

Applicants wishing to become members of ATCA must demonstrate:

### Evidence-based practice

Services are consistent with current best practice and the organisation undertakes evidence-based AOD prevention and treatment strategies.

### Staff qualifications

The service ensures that all counselling and treatment is delivered by appropriately trained and/or experienced staff.

### Aboriginal, Torres Strait Island and Māori Cultural Security

The service agrees to acknowledge and respect the history, cultural rights, values, beliefs and diversity of Indigenous people and work towards embedding the principle of cultural security into service delivery

### Cultural competency

The service considers the needs of clients from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds and provides a culturally competent service.

### Inclusion Statement

The service values the diversity of experience and believe that an inclusive culture contributes to best practice service delivery. Services must value the uniqueness of individuals who may vary in many different ways, including race, ethnicity, culture, social class, gender, age, religious belief, sexual identity, mental and physical ability.

## Membership categories

There are three different types of membership offered, each with their own requirements and benefits:

### Therapeutic Communities

#### Organisational Members

For those organisations that conduct a therapeutic community operating with a primary focus in the field of alcohol and other drug dependence.

It is for organisations that:

- provide an AOD service embracing the values of 'Community as Method'
- the practice has been certified as conforming the ATCA Standard, or is working toward ATCA certification.
- the service holds accreditation under a recognised accreditation body.

### Residential Rehabilitation Services

#### Organisational Members

For organisations that provide a Residential Rehabilitation Service and support and are interested in the 'Community as Method' but do not currently conduct a therapeutic community.

### Affiliate

#### Individual and Organisational Members

This category is open to:

- organisations and individuals which do not provide a therapeutic community or residential service. Or,
- organisations that provide either a therapeutic community or residential rehabilitation service and are private or for-profit organisations.

Membership benefits	Therapeutic Communities	Residential Rehabilitation Services	Affiliate Members
Endorsed and accredited member logo	✓	✗	✗
Nominate persons for the Board	✓ (Can nominate and be nominated to the board)	✗ (Can be nominated to the board)	✗
Voting rights at annual general meeting	✓ (Weighted voting - one vote is worth five)	✓ (One vote)	✗
Discounts at conferences and workshops	✓	✓	✓
Standard documents, communication and updates from ATCA	✓	✓	✓

### Annual Fees

### Application process

### Application fees:

#### Therapeutic Communities and Residential Rehabilitation Services

Annual fees for these organisations are in relation to their annual total funded revenue.

Less than \$1 million:	\$1,000.00 + GST
\$1 million - \$5 million:	\$1,500.00 + GST
\$5 million - \$10 million:	\$2,000.00 + GST
More than \$10 million:	\$2,500.00 + GST

#### Affiliate

Private or for-profit organisation:	\$2,000 + GST
Not-for-profit organisation:	\$500 + GST
Individual:	\$150 + GST
Honorary life member:	Nil

Applications for Membership should be made on the appropriate form and be accompanied by the Application for Membership form. Potential Organisational Members and Residential Rehabilitation Service will be required to undertake a desktop audit to be reviewed by the ATCA Board as a precondition of Membership.

Following a successful application, which may include a site visit from the ATCA Board and/or Secretariat (other than for Individual Membership), the annual fee will be payable.

Therapeutic Communities:	\$220 + GST
Residential Rehabilitation Service:	\$220 + GST
Affiliate private or for profit organisation:	\$2000 + GST
Affiliate not-for-profit organisation:	\$500 + GST
Affiliate individual:	\$150 + GST
Honorary life member:	Nil

Additionally, the applicant may be asked to contribute to the cost of a site visit to assist the ATCA Board to determine membership category (ie. Entry as Therapeutic Community or Residential Rehabilitation Service; or under the For-Profit or Private category). Generally, a visit will be undertaken by the Secretariat and a Board member in the applicant's jurisdiction.