**Q &A during the PACFA-DTAA seminar (April 2022)**

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| **Questions** | **Answers** |
| How much is the PACFA fee for individuals to join? | $369 |
| Is there any recognition of psychotherapy experience or is only training in psychotherapy acceptable? | The RPL (recognition of prior learning) pathway is being phased out. If you apply now, you must have a degree in psychotherapy or counselling. |
| What about work experience rather than training? What if we have 400 hours of experience working as a psychotherapist/ DMT? | Work experience does not count. You need to have another qualification such as psychology, psychotherapy or counselling to be able to register with PACFA. And it might possibly be considered and ethical breach to have called your work psychotherapy without a degree. |
| Does PACFA has a Scope of Practice?  | PACFA has a Scope of Practice See: <https://pacfa.org.au/Portal/Prac-Res/Resources/PACFA-Scope-of-Practice.aspx?WebsiteKey=663df354-bb4c-40db-9f44-9f1e672224ed>  |
| What is an Allied Health Association? | Within the field of allied health there are several categories of organisations. The categories and the organisations germane to DTAA’s work include * Professional Registration/Credentialing bodies
* National Advocacy bodies
* Insurance Schemes

The Allied Health bodies, which form umbrella advocacy bodies include:**AHPA** - Allied Health Professions Australia**AHPRA** - Australian Health Professional Regulation Association**NASRHP** - National Alliance of Self Regulating Health ProfessionDTAA has currently qualified to be part of AHPA. |
| Is there an equivalent organisation that would recognise or be open to all DTAA members Australian and non-Australian? | No, and we do not need one. DTAA credentials all DMTs, Australian and non-Australian, that meet its membership requirements.It is important to realise that each credentialling/registration organisation supports their own specialty within the allied health field. So * DTAA credentials DMTs
* PACFA credentials psychotherapists and counsellors
* ANZACATA credentials Creative Arts Therapists (this IS a different training than DMT)
* AMTA credentials music therapists
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| What is the current financial burden borne by DTAA members and why is it unfair? Currently DTAA pays around $4000 per year to PACFA. This means that spread divided by 103 members that is only $43.68 per DTAA member. Is $ 43.68 per member worthwhile for DMT credibility of being an MA of PACFA when members are looking for jobs even if not an individual PACFA member? | Although $44 per member seems like a small figure there are clear reasons it is inequitable:1. Only 8 DTAA members currently gain any advantage as they are registered with PACFA
2. Anyone who is not a registered PACFA member and who gains employment on the basis of DTAA being a members association is in breach of PACFA rules.
3. PACFA only has meaning to our Australian employers. Forty five percent (45%) of our members are NOT Australian, thus they pay for something of little value.
4. Finally $4000 is actually more than 10% of DTAA’s total income. DTAA has many other projects that could benefit from that portion of the budget.
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