

# **SACNA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

There are four categories of SACNA membership: Full member (five sub-categories according to HPCSA registration category), Associate Member, Student Member and Allied Disciplines Member.

When SACNA full membership status is indicated formally in any forum (e.g. court work or conference purposes) and on all documentation (e.g. *Curriculum Vitae* or reports) it must always be qualified according to the professional registration that applies.

Examples:

**For those with HPCSA registration as a Neuropsychologist:**

*Neuropsychologist, SACNA Full Member*

**For those with HPCSA registration other than as a Neuropsychologist:**

*Educational Psychologist, SACNA Full Member*

*Research Psychologist, SACNA Full Member*

**For those with double registrations:**

*Neuropsychologist, Clinical Psychologist, SACNA Full Member*

**For Foreign Psychologists:**

*Neuropsychologist, Foreign Psychologist, SACNA Full Member*

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| <b>FULL MEMBERS</b> |
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- a) Full members may include registered Neuropsychologists, Clinical, Educational, Counselling or Research Psychologists, and have voting rights.
- b) Full membership provides recognition of a high level of post-professional registration commitment to the field of neuropsychology for those working within their own scope of practice as prescribed by the HPCSA or, in the case of foreign full members, their applicable professional registering bodies.
- c) Eligibility for full membership will be based on an individualized review process (detailed below). The process will differ between individuals, with each applicant being evaluated for their unique role in relation to neuropsychology, due to different qualifications and areas of specialization within the various professional routes. The review will be conducted by a panel appointed by the SACNA executive, including members of the executive and possibly one or more external reviewers.
- d) Applications for consideration should be submitted to SACNA, accompanied by a non-refundable administration fee (amount to be decided).

**Note:** SACNA Full Membership is not equivalent to, nor does it provide the qualification required for HPCSA registration as a Neuropsychologist, which entails a higher level of formal knowledge and practical training in Neuropsychology than is required to attain Full Membership of SACNA.

## **CRITERIA FOR SACNA FULL MEMBERSHIP: NEUROPSYCHOLOGISTS**

### **Neuropsychologist Full Member:**

- HPCSA registration as a neuropsychologist with at least a master's degree in clinical neuropsychology, including an internship
- At least two years of post-registration experience in the field of clinical neuropsychology. Experience may include clinical work, published research, teaching/lecturing and/or providing supervision in neuropsychology
- Submission of two brief (1-3 pages) neuropsychological case reports.

## CRITERIA FOR SACNA FULL MEMBERSHIP: CLINICAL, COUNSELLING AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

### Clinical Full Member, Counselling Full Member and Educational Full Member:

- HPCSA registration as a clinical, counselling or educational psychologist with at least a master's degree in clinical, counselling or educational psychology, respectively.
- Some training in clinical neuropsychology at master's level, such as is normally required for HPCSA accreditation of the degree, or a postgraduate masters or doctoral dissertation on a clinically oriented neuropsychology topic, or a substantial proportion of an internship spent in a neurology, neurosurgery or neuropsychology institution or practice.
- Passing of the SACNA exam (60% required as a pass rate).
- At least five years of post-registration experience in neuropsychology, *with evidence of a substantial portion of the work experience being in non-medico-legal work, including rehabilitation and work in neurology clinics or other institutions or practices where neuropsychology is relevant.* Experience may include clinical work, published research, teaching/lecturing and receiving or providing supervision in neuropsychology.
- Evidence of additional training/learning *covering a spectrum of neuropsychological disorders, related assessment, and treatment procedures beyond degrees* (e.g. workshops done, CPD courses, conferences attended, supervision from a neuropsychologist).
- Evidence of HPCSA CPD points in topics relevant to neuropsychological practice acquired over the past three to five years.
- Submission of three brief (1-3 pages) neuropsychological case reports
- At their discretion the review committee may request references, an interview, or the submission of one or more detailed neuropsychological reports.

## CRITERIA FOR SACNA FULL MEMBERSHIP: RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGISTS

### Research Full Member:

- A Research Master's degree in Psychology that is recognized by the HPCSA Professional Board of Psychology, or a Doctoral degree in Psychology awarded on the basis of research.
- Clear evidence of the development of professional credibility as an independent researcher in a focused area of relevance to neuropsychology, which would include HPCSA registration as a research psychologist (unless the researcher is registered in one of the practitioner categories), as well as one or more of the following: university level research affiliation; the ability to secure research funding; a trajectory of dissemination of research in scientific conference and workshop forums.
- At least five years post-registration involvement in research relating to a neuropsychology topic.
- A publication record of at least five peer-reviewed articles on which the applicant is the first author responsible for the scientific conceptualization and writing up of the research on at least three articles. The publications should be in reputable journals and/ or books deemed to be of academic good standing following SACNA panel review. Evidence of publications that have attained Department of Higher Education (DHET) accreditation in a university context, or those approved by the National Research Foundation (NRF) for rating purposes, can contribute to such a review.
- ***Note: Research Full Members may not conduct clinical practices in neuropsychology unless they have additional registration as a Clinical, Counselling or Educational Psychologist.***

## **CRITERIA FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP: FOREIGN PSYCHOLOGISTS**

### **Foreign Full Member:**

- Registration as a neuropsychologist, or a practitioner in psychology, or researcher in a field of relevance to neuropsychology, in a country other than South Africa with neuropsychology training at masters or doctoral level, or a doctorate by thesis on a neuropsychology topic, or an internship in a neurology, neurosurgery or neuropsychology institution or practice.
- Passing of the SACNA exam (60% needed) may be required (research psychologists excluded).
- At least five years of post-professional registration experience where neuropsychology made up a substantial proportion of the work within the relevant scope of practice. Experience may include casework, published research, teaching/lecturing and/or providing supervision in neuropsychology as it relates to the applicant's registration category. Research psychologists should provide evidence of a publication record of at least five peer-reviewed articles, of which three are first-authored, in reputable journals or books attesting to the development of a focused research direction, as well as one or more of the following: university level research affiliation; the ability to secure research funding; a trajectory of dissemination of research in scientific conference and workshop forums.
- Evidence of training in neuropsychology beyond degrees (e.g. workshops done, CPD courses, conferences attended, supervision from a neuropsychologist).
- Evidence of CPD points (from HPCSA or equivalent institution) in topics relevant to neuropsychological practice acquired over the past three to five years.
- Submission of three brief (1-3 pages) neuropsychological case reports (research psychologists excluded)
- At their discretion the review committee may request references, an interview, or the submission of one or more detailed neuropsychological reports (research psychologists excluded).

### **RETIRED FULL MEMBERS**

Full members who have retired from active practice but retain an interest in neuropsychology.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Registered neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, counselling psychologists and research psychologists who do not meet the requirements for full membership or have not yet applied for full membership.

### **STUDENT MEMBERS**

Trainees, undergraduate students, research assistants and postgraduate students at honours or master's level, who have an interest in neuropsychology. Student membership applies until registration as a psychologist. Thereafter, associate membership applies.

## ALLIED MEMBERS

Allied disciplines (practitioners and researchers from allied disciplines e.g., psychiatrists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuroscientists, etc.)

**LISTING ON THE WEBSITE:** There will be separate lists on the website, within each category of Full Membership. The listing for Full Members who are not HPCSA registered neuropsychologists will include the note:

*SACNA Full Membership is not equivalent to, nor does it provide the qualification required for HPCSA registration as a Neuropsychologist, which entails a higher level of university-based formal knowledge and practical training in Neuropsychology than is required to attain Full Membership of SACNA.*

The listing for Research Psychologist Full Members will contain the proviso: ***Research Full Members may not conduct clinical practice in neuropsychology other than as delineated according to the HPCSA scope of practice.***

**STATIONERY:** *Full Membership of SACNA cannot be listed on one's letterhead. Full members are permitted to state their full membership status in their reports or on other documentation, but this must be placed under their signatures and **not on the letterhead** itself. Their HPCSA registration must be clear, thus "Neuropsychologist, SACNA Full Member; Clinical Psychologist, SACNA Full Member; Counselling Psychologist, SACNA Full Member; Educational Psychologist, SACNA Full Member and Research Psychologist, SACNA Full Member" as relevant.*

**Warning:** *Please note associate members are not allowed to list their memberships in their reports or on their stationery. To do so can result in their losing their Associate membership.*