



## Information regarding application for Learning Difficulties Australia Consultant Membership

Learning Difficulties Australia Consultant Membership is a category reserved for highly qualified and experienced teachers and Speech Pathologists dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by learning difficulties through practices based on current scientific research. Learning Difficulties Australia Consultant Members are recognised for maintaining exceptional standards of professional practice in their respective fields to:

- advance understanding of the complex nature of learning difficulties and promote the need for assessment and intervention to be carried out by qualified and expert professionals.
- support and promote scientific evidence-based research that will advance understanding of the theory and evidence underlying effective practices for students with learning difficulties.

Applicants for Consultant Membership must be financial members of Learning Difficulties Australia. As well as the ordinary Learning Difficulties Australia Membership benefits, Consultants become part of local Consultant Networks, may register for Learning Difficulties Australia's Online Referral Service, and attend Consultant only Professional Development.

**YOUR APPLICATION** - The following information must be included in your application:

1. Evidence (copy) of your current **professional organisation** membership and registration
2. Evidence of your **National Police History Check** (or state or territory equivalent requirements)
3. Proof of post-graduate/post-entry level specialist **qualifications** with significant evidence-based Learning Difficulties components. Please submit transcripts.
4. Evidence of at least three years' experience working in your professional field with students with Learning Difficulties.
5. Referee contact details for 2-3 professional referees regarding your experience working with students experiencing learning difficulties.
6. Proof of four professional development activities in which you participated within the last three years. These activities must be focused on learning difficulties and have a strong evidence base. The professional development may include face-to-face events, webinars, podcasts, online learning, and reading of relevant books and/or

articles.

Please provide:

- a) Subject/title
- b) Name of presenter/s or publication (if a reading)
- c) Date/s
- d) A brief explanation of the relevance to your practice
- e) Evidence of participation such as attendance certificates or session notes

7. A case study of your work, past or current, with a student who has learning difficulties. Please include details:
- Preliminary assessment
  - Your analysis of the results
  - Communication with relevant stakeholders (this may include a written report)
  - Referrals made where relevant
  - Program planning
  - Implementation
  - Progress monitoring, including work samples
  - Final evaluation

**Please note:**

An interview may be requested.

Learning Difficulties Australia consultants who work with students privately are required to hold current public liability and professional indemnity insurance. Learning Difficulties Australia can provide guidance on suitable providers if requested. You must provide evidence of your annual cover from the date of Learning Difficulties Australia's letter inviting you to be a Consultant.

Professional development activities will be required for continuing Consultancy Membership. Upon acceptance of your application, you will receive a copy of the Professional Development requirements for renewal. Relevant Professional Development events are advertised by email and through digital and social media.

If your application is not successful, you will be contacted by the Learning Difficulties Australia Consultant Convenor and advised of the reason. You may request guidance on what is needed before re-submitting an application.