



**Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP) Certification Standards**  
Application Standards for Practicing Professionals in Australia and New Zealand

**1.0 Professional Standards**

1.1 Nationally registered, credentialed or member of the association noted:

- Registered Psychologist
  - Hold a general registration with AHPRA
  - Hold a registration with New Zealand Psychologists Board AND hold a practising certification
- Registered Counsellor
  - Be a Level 2, 3 or 4 member of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA)
  - Be a full member of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors or Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand
  - Be a Clinical member of the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA)
- Social Worker
  - Be a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers
  - Hold a Practising Certificate with the Social Workers Registration Board
- Psychiatrist
  - Be accredited by the Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- Credentialed mental health nurse
- Registered nurse practitioner
- Advanced practice nurse
- Doctor of Medicine
  - Hold a General or Specialist registration with the Medical Board of Australia
  - Hold a practising certificate and be registered with the Medical Council of New Zealand

For all professions: Provisional or student registration does not meet the standards for Certification.

Other applicants: Registered or credentialed professionals whose professional scope of practice allows them to diagnose and provide clinical mental health treatment plans for mental health disorders AND have met the registration or credentialing requirements in Australia or New Zealand are welcome to apply. If you are unsure if your professional background meets the standards for Certification, please email a copy of your educational background, professional scope of practice, membership or registration and CV to [info@evergreencertifications.com](mailto:info@evergreencertifications.com)

1.2 By applying for certification, the applicant agrees to adhere to Evergreen Certifications' Professional Code of Ethics, available at [www.evergreencertifications.com/codeofethics](http://www.evergreencertifications.com/codeofethics)

**2.0 Educational Standards**

2.1 The candidate must complete the following education criteria (total minimum of 12 CPD hours):

- DSM-5 Classification of Trauma & Stressor-related disorder
- Developmental trauma; attachment-related trauma
- Assessment of psychological trauma including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Trauma
- Assessment tools & scales
- Symptoms of trauma; comorbidities
- Phases of treatment (safety, stabilization, processing and re-integration)

- An overview of various treatment modalities with a review of the evidence base for each.
- Current literature and research on the latest treatment modalities

2.2 Suitable education sources are approved professional development trainings as documented by certificates of completion from the accredited training organization.

Evergreen Certifications will accept courses that have been completed within 3 years of initial application for certification.

### **3.0 Certification Application Process**

1. Submit the following documents:
  - a. A copy of the applicant's professional registration, credential, or membership
  - b. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
2. Payment of certification application fee

Evergreen Certifications will certify candidates who meet the above requirements.

*Please note: Certification does not imply endorsement of clinical competency. As a professional, you are responsible for reviewing the scope of practice, including activities that are defined in law as beyond the boundaries of practice in accordance with and in compliance with your profession's standards.*

### **4.0 Renewal of Certification**

To maintain certification, a renewal is required after your initial 1-year certification. The steps to apply for a 1-year renewal are as follows:

1. Complete a qualifying training
2. Upload the following documents to your account:
  - a. A copy of your professional registration, credential or membership
  - b. Evidence of completion of qualifying training, in the form of a CPD or completion certificate for six (6) hours of trauma-focused training
3. Payment of renewal application fee

You can also apply for renewal for 2 or 3 years. Follow the process above, submitting twelve (12) CPD hours of training for a 2-year renewal, and eighteen (18) CPD hours of training for a 3-year renewal.

Renewal training hours need to have been taken in the time since you were certified or last renewed. Renewals are calculated from the date that your certification was issued.

*If you allow your certification to lapse for more than 3 years, you are no longer eligible to renew your certification and instead can reapply for certification.*