**INTRODUCTION**

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| **PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY** |

This is an interactive pdf form. You can enter your details directly into the application form on your computer and then send us a printed and signed copy. We recommend that you keep a copy for your own records.

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| **WHAT IS THIS APPLICATION FOR?** |

This application is to assess your eligibility to practise with a non CPA Australia member and / or to assess your eligibility to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’.

CPA Australia By-Laws allow greater use of the CPA brand by amending the shareholding requirements and introducing authorisation to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’ where the majority of partners hold a CPA Australia Public Practice Certificate (PPC). This By-Law also provides members with the opportunity to practise with a non CPA Australia member.

For incorporated practices, more than 50% of issued shares have to be held by CPA Australia members holding a CPA Australia or Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand certificate of public practice.

CPAs wishing to operate a practice, either through a partnership or incorporated entity, that has a majority of shares held by partners or directors with a CPA Australia

Public Practice Certificate, but which contains non-members may apply to use the practice description ‘Certified Practising Accountants’. Under the authorisation agreement, non-member partners will be subject to a Best Practice assessment and all partners are to disclose their qualifications and professional affiliations on their business stationery.

Where possible, we will avoid asking you to provide information that we already have on record for you as a member of CPA Australia. We may contact you, however, to request further documentation as required.

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| **IF YOU NEED HELP OR MORE INFORMATION** |

A public practice officer will be able to assist you with the requirements to practise with a non CPA Australia member or to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’. Australian members can contact a public practice officer by calling 1300 73 73 73 or by emailing **publicpractice@cpaaustralia.com.au**

New Zealand members can contact a public practice officer by calling (+64) 09 913 7450 or by emailing **nz@cpaaustralia.com.au**

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| **PRIVACY STATEMENT** |

To view CPA Australia’s Privacy Policy visit the [**CPA Australia website**](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/utilities/privacy/privacy-policy).

You have the right to access any Personal Information which CPA Australia holds about you, subject to the exceptions in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) or the *New Zealand Privacy Act 1993*. You may also request the correction of information which is inaccurate. Access and/or correction requests can be made at your local CPA Australia office or via the ‘Update your Profile’ service at [**cpaaustralia.com.au**](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/)

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| **QUICK ELIGIBILITY REVIEW** |

Prior to completing this form please assess your eligibility using the following pre-requisite checklist.

The majority of partners hold a CPA Australia Public Practice Certificate

More than 50% of issued shares are held by CPA Australia members with a current CPA Australia or Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand certificate of public practice [for incorporated practices only]

I have attached a copy of my certificate of currency to attest that I am currently covered by an appropriate professional indemnity insurance policy I have attached copies of my proposed letterhead and business card for approval

If you have checked the boxes, as applicable, please continue this application and complete **all** sections. Otherwise, please contact a public practice officer to identify a pathway relevant to your circumstances.

**Please turn the page to begin your application**

**FORM**

 **(A) WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?**

## I am applying for an:

Application to trade with a non-member

Application for an authority to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’

#  (B) PRACTICE DETAILS

Please reconfirm the following details to ensure our records are correct.

Name of practice entity

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|  | If different to above |
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|  | State, Province or Region |  |  |
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Registered trading name

ABN / NZBN ACN / NZ

Company Number

Practice street address

Suburb or City

Country

Preferred mail

Work phone Postal address Suburb or City

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Country

Preferred mail

Practice email Practice website

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#  (C) PRACTICE TYPE

## Tick the box to indicate the structure of the practice.

Partnership – unincorporated Practice – incorporated Another type of legal structure

## Is your practice an Approved Practice Entity in accordance with CPA Australia’s By-Law 9.3?

Yes No

## ALL partners / directors have to complete an individual declaration.

**(D) APPLICANT NO. 1 (PRIMARY CONTACT)**

Our primary contact must be a CPA Australia Public Practice Certificate holder.

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Membership No

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## YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

As you are a member of CPA Australia we already have some of your details.

Title Preferred name

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## YOUR PARTNER / DIRECTOR DETAILS

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Share class

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% of voting shares held

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Are you a current member of another professional association or do you hold another professional designation? Do you currently hold any of the following licences or certificates? Please select relevant options.

*Note: you do not need to supply copies of any licences or certificates held.*

Yes No

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| Auditor Superannuation Funds | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Australian Credit Licensee (ACL) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Authorised Financial Adviser (New Zealand) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Australian Financial Services Licensee (AFSL) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Authorised Representative (of an AFSL) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Certified Financial Planner | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Credit Representative (of an AFSL) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Limited AFS Licensee | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered BAS Agent | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered Company Auditor | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Issuer Auditor (New Zealand) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Qualified Auditor (New Zealand) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Statutory Auditor (New Zealand) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered Tax (Financial) Adviser | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered Tax Agent | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered Tax Adviser (New Zealand) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Representative (of an AFSL) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Review / Assurance Practitioner (Audit 2nd Tier Firms) | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Bankruptcy Trustee | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Legal Practising Certificate | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Member of ARITA | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered Company Liquidator | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |
| Registered Official Liquidator | Yes | No | Licence / Registration No. |

All of these questions must be answered for your assessment.

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| Have you ever been convicted in the past of a criminal offence or are there any charges pending against you?Yes No**Australian applicants:** there is no requirement to reveal a spent conviction. A conviction is a spent conviction if it is 10 years or more since the date of the conviction (five for a juvenile) and the sentence imposed was a fine, bond, community service order or imprisonment for a period of less than 30 months and there have not been any further offences in the last 10 years.**New Zealand applicants:** provided all conditions in the *Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004* are met an applicant is entitled to withhold information about their convictions. The conditions are:* no convictions in the last seven (7) years
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* never been ordered by a Court after a criminal case to be detained in a hospital due to a mental health condition instead of being sentenced
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* never been indefinitely disqualified from driving under Section 65 of *the Land Transport Act 1998* or earlier equivalent provision.
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| Are you or have you ever been made bankrupt or made the subject of an official assignment for the benefit of creditors?Yes No |
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| Have you been or are you disqualified from managing a corporation or banned from being a director of a corporation?Yes No |
| Have you ever been refused membership to a professional body for which you have the appropriate academic qualifications?Yes No |
| Have you ever had to forfeit your membership of a statutory, professional or other body?Yes No |
| Are you or have you ever been subject to disciplinary proceedings by a statutory, professional or other body?Yes No |

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions please provide more information about the nature of your situation on a separate sheet and attach any related official documentation to support your application.

**!**

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## I declare that:

* I have read the Privacy Statement and I consent to my personal information being collected, used and disclosed for the purposes outlined and as stated in the Privacy Statement.
* I am not aware of any further matter that may be relevant to your assessment of my application, qualifications and whether I am a fit and proper person to continue to be a member of CPA Australia and to hold an authority to trade with a non-member or to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’.
* The information and answers I have provided to any questions are complete and accurate and I will, if anything alters in the future, immediately notify CPA Australia.
* I declare that I have read CPA Australia’s By-Laws Part 9 on Public Practice and hereby undertake to observe all the requirements laid down therein, including the requirements in By-Law 9.3 on approved entities.
* I will continue to be bound by CPA Australia’s Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Professional Conduct and Applicable Regulations of the Board from time to time in force.
* I authorise CPA Australia to obtain any information from any person or entity about me as it considers necessary in order to process my application and to service and maintain my membership. I authorise such person or entity to release this information to CPA Australia.
* I consent to CPA Australia disclosing the fact that I hold an Authority to Trade with a Non-Member to any person (whether upon request or by publication) notwithstanding that such information may comprise personal information or sensitive information within the meaning of those terms under the *Privacy Act 1988*, as amended.
* I will undertake and keep a record of my continuing professional development obligations (currently 120 hours over a three-year period [triennium] with a minimum of 20 hours in any one year).
* I will comply with all mandatory and other conditions attached to any licence issued to me by CPA Australia.
* The information that I have provided in this application and in any supporting documents is current, true and correct.

## Public Practice Branding declaration

If applying for authority to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’, I understand that there will be an authority agreement with CPA Australia to trade as CPAs. I have read CPA Australia’s **Public** [**Practice Brand Guidelines**](https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/professional-resources/public-practice/toolkit/public-practice-branding) (“PP Guidelines”) and hereby acknowledge that:

I may use CPA Australia public practice branding and the CPA Australia public practice logo (“PP Branding”), as permitted under limited licence under CPA Australia’s By-Law 9.5, as long as that use is strictly in accordance with the PP Guidelines.

I must seek approval from CPA Australia for any use of PP Branding which differs from approved use as set out in the PP Guidelines.

If an authority to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’ is approved, all proposed partners / directors of the practice must sign the authority agreement provided by CPA Australia.

The qualifications and professional affiliations of all partners / directors must be included on my business stationery, in accordance with the PP Guidelines. The PP Branding may not be used in association with a franchise unless, as a franchisee, I hold a separate CPA Australia public practice certificate.

If I operate as a franchisee, I will not reference the mother practice of a franchise.

AND

## I attach copies of my proposed letterhead and business card for approval.

**Professional Indemnity Insurance declaration**

New and existing practices need to provide a copy of their certificate of currency with this application. CPA Australia will continue to require minimum levels of cover in accordance with its [**By-Laws**](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/member-services/members-handbook) and Australian and New Zealand regulations for the provision of public accounting services.

The practice holds a current policy of [**professional indemnity insurance**](https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/professional-resources/public-practice/toolkit/insurance) as per By-Law 9.8 which meets the following requirements:

1. minimum sum insured (AUD$2,000,000 for members based in Australia; NZ$1,000,000 for members based in New Zealand)
2. one or more automatic reinstatement
3. covers all natural persons affiliated with the practice

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Name of professional indemnity insurer

## I attach a copy of the current certificate of currency.

Policy expiry date / /

## Quality Management declaration

I am aware that, as an applicant applying for the use or renewal of an authority to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’, I must confirm in writing that I:

have established and will maintain, or have during the preceding period maintained, a system of quality management that is appropriate to the practice in accordance with APES 320 Quality Management for Firms that provide non-assurance services or AQSM1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements* (ASQM 1).

agree to undertake, complete and have accepted a Best Practice Assessment in accordance with the Best Practice Program policies and procedures at the time of selection. (CPA Australia will accept a Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand review as an alternative to a Best Practice Program)

All applicants will be expected to so demonstrate their levels of quality management to the satisfaction of CPA Australia.

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Signature

## Partner / Director No. 2 needs to complete the next section

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**(E) APPLICANT NO. 2**

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

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Are you a member of CPA Australia?

Membership No

## YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Preferred name

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Email Date of birth

## YOUR PARTNER / DIRECTOR DETAILS

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List your academic qualifications

Provide details of any memberships of other professional associations or other professional designations held

## YOUR RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

I attest that I have outlined my academic qualifications in this application

I attest that I have disclosed any membership of other professional associations in this application I attest that I have provided details of my relevant employment experience in this application

Full details of the relevant employment experience requirements for non CPA Australia partners or directors are outlined in CPA Australia’s [**By-Laws**](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/member-services/members-handbook).

This application will take into account the:

* tertiary or other professional qualifications of the non-member
* competence, experience or skill demonstrated by the non-member in their profession or calling
* the commercial, community or educational status of the non-member.

Please complete your relevant employment experience below for your last three employment positions.

## CURRENT OR IMMEDIATE PAST POSITION

Job Title / Role Name of employer Period position held

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Signature

## Partner / Director No. 3 needs to complete the next section

Date / /

**(F) APPLICANT NO. 3**

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

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Are you a member of CPA Australia?

Membership No

## YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Preferred name

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Signature

## Partner / Director No. 4 needs to complete the next section

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**(G) APPLICANT NO. 4**

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

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Are you a member of CPA Australia?

Membership No

## YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Title Preferred name

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| Have you ever been convicted in the past of a criminal offence or are there any charges pending against you?Yes No**Australian applicants:** there is no requirement to reveal a spent conviction. A conviction is a spent conviction if it is 10 years or more since the date of the conviction (five for a juvenile) and the sentence imposed was a fine, bond, community service order or imprisonment for a period of less than 30 months and there have not been any further offences in the last 10 years.**New Zealand applicants:** provided all conditions in the *Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004* are met an applicant is entitled to withhold information about their convictions. The conditions are:* no convictions in the last seven (7) years
* never sentenced to a custodial sentence e.g. imprisonment, corrective training, borstal
* never been ordered by a Court after a criminal case to be detained in a hospital due to a mental health condition instead of being sentenced
* not been convicted of a specified offence e.g. sexual offence against children, young people or the mentally impaired
* paid in full any fine, reparation or costs ordered by the Court in a criminal case
* never been indefinitely disqualified from driving under Section 65 of *the Land Transport Act 1998* or earlier equivalent provision.
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| Are you or have you ever been made bankrupt or made the subject of an official assignment for the benefit of creditors?Yes No |
| Are you or have you ever been a director of a company to which a receiver, receiver manager, an enforcer of a security interest, provisional liquidator or liquidator has been appointed while you were a director or within six (6) months after you ceased to be a director?Yes No |
| Have you been or are you disqualified from managing a corporation or banned from being a director of a corporation?Yes No |
| Have you ever been refused membership to a professional body for which you have the appropriate academic qualifications?Yes No |
| Have you ever had to forfeit your membership of a statutory, professional or other body?Yes No |
| Are you or have you ever been subject to disciplinary proceedings by a statutory, professional or other body?Yes No |

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions please provide more information about the nature of your situation on a separate sheet and attach any related official documentation to support your application.

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Your application will be considered individually on its merits and may take longer to process.

## I declare that:

* I have read the Privacy Statement and I consent to my personal information being collected, used and disclosed for the purposes outlined and as stated in the Privacy Statement.
* I am not aware of any further matter that may be relevant to your assessment of my application.
* The information and answers I have provided to any questions are complete and accurate and I will, if anything alters in the future, immediately notify CPA Australia.
* I authorise CPA Australia to obtain any information from any person or entity about me as it considers necessary in order to process my application. I authorise such person or entity to release this information to CPA Australia.
* I will comply with all mandatory and other conditions attached to any authority agreement issued to me by CPA Australia.
* The information that I have provided in this application and in any supporting documents is current, true and correct.

## Quality Management declaration

I am aware that, as an applicant applying for the use or renewal of an authority to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’, I must confirm in writing that I:

have established and will maintain, or have during the preceding period maintained, a system of quality management appropriate to the practice in accordance with APES 320 Quality Management for Firms that provide non-assurance services or AQSM1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements* (ASQM 1).

agree to undertake, complete and have accepted a Best Practice assessment in accordance with the Best Practice Program policies and procedures at the time of selection. (CPA Australia will accept a Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand review as an alternative to a Best Practice Program)

All applicants will be expected to so demonstrate their levels of quality management to the satisfaction of CPA Australia.

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| **(H) LODGEMENT OF APPLICATION** |

There is no application fee associated with holding an authority to trade with a non-member and / or authority to trade as ‘Certified Practising Accountants’. An authority to trade is ongoing and does not require renewal unless there is a change in the practice structure.

When completed, please return this form to CPA Australia by email at publicpractice@cpaaustralia.com.au.

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| **(I) WHAT HAPPENS NEXT** |

## We will let you know if your application cannot be processed or we require additional information.

1. **We will let you know the outcome of your application**

In general, you should receive our response by email within 15 working days of submitting your application.

## Appeal or review policy

Details of the appeals review process are outlined in CPA Australia’s [**By-Laws**](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/member-services/members-handbook) Part 9 on Public Practice.

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| **(J) REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION** |

When you send us copies of your documents, they must be:

* certified true copies of the originals
* in English

Please do **not** send original documents. They will not be returned.

## What is a “certified true copy" of an original?

A certified true copy is a copy of an original document that is verified as being authentic. An authorised person must certify the copy after seeing the original document. A list of authorised people who can certify documents is below.

## What needs to be certified?

* copies of all identity documents
* documents relating to your education (e.g. academic transcripts, academic award or letter of completion)
* documents relating to professional memberships
* non-English documents, as listed above, and the corresponding English versions that have been translated by a professional translator

## How do I get my documents certified?

1. photocopy your original documents
2. take your original documents and photocopies to a person who is authorised to certify documents (see below)
3. have the authorised person certifying
	* write on the same side of each copy “I certify this is a true copy of the original document sighted by me”
	* sign and print their name
	* state their profession or occupation group (as below)
	* member number (if applicable) or contact details
	* the date certified (within the last 12 months)

Statement by person authorised to certify

Statement of profession

Signed name Printed name

Member number or contact details

Date the original document was sighted and the copy was certified

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## We do not accept

* photocopies or faxes of certified documents
* certifications where the identity of the person certifying cannot be read
* certification made by a person not authorised to certify documents
* certification made by yourself, on your own documents, even if you are a person authorised to certify documents

## Who can certify my documents?

The following people are authorised to certify documents:

* staff at your local CPA Australia office listed on the CPA Australia website [**cpaaustralia.com.au/contact**](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/contact)
* CPA or FCPA (Fellow) but not an Associate member of CPA Australia
* full member of a recognised International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) professional body as listed on [**www.ifac.org/about/member-bodies**](http://www.ifac.org/about/member-bodies)
* Justice of the Peace
* solicitor or lawyer (Australian applicants); barrister or solicitor of the NZ High Court (NZ applicants)
* police officer, sheriff or sheriff’s officer (Australian applicants); police officer (NZ applicants)
* dentist, medical practitioner, pharmacist or veterinary surgeon (Australian applicants)
* bank manager or school principal (Australian applicants)
* notary officer (Australian applicants)
* Registrar or Deputy Registrar of courts in NZ (NZ applicants)
* Australian consular or diplomatic officer (Australian applicants)
* any other official who, in your home country, is authorised to endorse documents and legal declarations or to witness sworn affidavits.