

ACCREDITATION PATHWAY FOR MEMBERS OF STRATA COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA

The Strata Community Australia (SCA) Strata Community Manager Accreditation Program provides nationally recognised professional qualifications for strata managers. Consumers now demand it and strata managers, in order to remain up-to-date and competitive, need to have it.

Each level of accreditation includes specific obligations for the member to undergo continuing professional development (CPD) to maintain their accreditation status.

Successful applicants are issued with certificates with their accreditation level and official accreditation logos for use in electronic and hard copy stationery.

Why accreditation is necessary

Consumers need to have a high level of trust with those who manage property on their behalf. The strata sector accounts for half a trillion dollars' worth of assets, yet outside of New South Wales, Victoria, the Northern Territory and the ACT (where licensing is compulsory), anyone can currently set up a strata management business with no formal qualifications or industry self-regulation.

For consumers: accreditation provides a way to identify strata managers who have submitted themselves to a code of ethics and undertake continuing professional development, so creating security, trust, professionalism and recognition.



For the strata industry: accreditation enables strata community managers to gain professional recognition, and thereby a competitive advantage, which can enhance their business, and help build a long term career. Consequently, accreditation works to raise strata industry standards overall.

Specifically it helps ensure strata managers:

- are aware of relevant and current legislation
- follow the specific requirements of legislation
- adhere to best practice
- adopt current procedures
- commit to clerical excellence and
- continually enhance their managerial and meeting chairmanship skills.

How to become accredited

Strata community managers seeking accreditation must:

- be members of their respective [SCA state or territory affiliate](#)

- submit to a code of ethics
- undertake additional [training](#) or submit evidence of their competency.

How it is administered

The program has been developed by the SCA Professional Standards and Membership Group which includes state and territory representatives. A professional standards advisory board governs the overall accreditation program nationally while SCA's state and territory affiliates oversee the delivery of education programs and accreditation of individuals under the national framework.

Accreditation levels and Requirements for Members of Strata Community Australia.

There are four levels of accreditation. For all Levels, it is **mandatory** that the applicant is an ordinary member of SCA in their respective state or territory and adheres to the Code of Conduct/Ethics.

Prerequisite to join SCA's Accreditation Pathway

For an ordinary member to join SCA's Accreditation Pathway, **successful completion of the SCA A100 Essentials of Strata Community Management** is a prerequisite.

To be awarded Accreditation, the following requirements are mandatory:

LEVEL 1 - Accredited Strata Community Manager (ASCM)

- Minimum of 2 years membership & adherence to SCA Code of conduct **plus** Completion of Cert. III in Strata Community Management
- plus**
- Minimum of 24 CPD points acquired through to ongoing professional development (minimum of 12 points per annum)

LEVEL 2 - Certified Strata Community Manager (CSCM)

- Minimum 2 years membership **plus** Completion of Cert IV in Strata Community Management
- plus**
- Minimum of 24 CPD points acquired through to ongoing professional development (minimum of 12 points per annum)

LEVEL 3 - Practicing Strata Community Manager (PSCM)

- Minimum 5 years membership **plus** Completion of Diploma in Strata Community Management
- plus**
- Minimum of 24 CPD points acquired through to ongoing professional development over a period of two years

LEVEL 4 - Fellow Strata Community Manager (FSCM)

- Existing Practicing Strata Community Manager (PSCM) **plus**
- Minimum of 15 years membership **plus** extensive record of service to industry e.g. through board and/or committee participation and involvement and dedication in training and mentoring

OR

- Existing Practicing Strata Community Manager (PSCM) **plus**
- Minimum of 12 years membership **plus** minimum of 10 years' experience in managing Strata Communities **plus** Completion of Post Graduate qualification or Master Degree in an industry related discipline

OR

- Existing Life Members of SCA

Post Nominal

Successful applicants will be issued with certificates and logos for use in electronic and hard copy stationery with the following spelt out:

- SCA Accredited Strata Community Manager - ASCM
- SCA Certified Strata Community Manager - CSCM
- SCA Practicing Strata Community Manager - PSCM
- SCA Fellow Strata Community Manager - FSCM