

## **ACCREDITATION PATHWAY FOR MANAGER MEMBERS OF STRATA COMMUNITY AUSTRALIA LTD**

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 1.2 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 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 the SCA Code of Ethics.
- undertake the required training or submit evidence of completion of alternative approved qualifications.

## How it is administered

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

## Accreditation levels and Requirements for Manager Members of Strata Community Australia.

There are four levels of accreditation. For all Levels, it is **mandatory** that the applicant is a 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 a 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:

<b>LEVEL 1 – Accredited Strata Community Manager (ASCM)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minimum of 2 years' membership</b> and adherence to the SCA Code of Conduct <b>plus</b> Completion of Cert. III in Strata Community Management or approved equivalent</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>plus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 24 CPD points acquired through attendance at ongoing professional development events in the preceding 2 years (minimum of 12 points per annum)</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 2 – Certified Strata Community Manager (CSCM)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minimum 2 years' membership</b> and adherence to the SCA Code of Conduct <b>plus</b> Completion of Cert IV in Strata Community Management or approved equivalent</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>plus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 24 CPD points acquired through attendance at ongoing professional development events in the preceding 2 years (minimum of 12 points per annum)</li> </ul>

### LEVEL 3 – Practising Strata Community Manager (PSCM)

- **Minimum 5 years’ membership** and adherence to the SCA Code of Conduct **plus** Completion of Diploma in Strata Community Management or approved equivalent

**plus**

- Minimum of 24 CPD points acquired through attendance at ongoing professional development events in the preceding 2 years

### LEVEL 4 – Fellow Strata Community Manager (FSCM)

- Existing Practising Strata Community Manager **Plus** minimum of 15 years plus an extensive record of service to the industry (e.g. through board/committee participation and dedication to training and mentoring)

**Or**

- Existing Practising Strata Community Manager **plus** minimum of 10 years’ experience in managing strata communities **plus** completion of post graduate qualifications or Masters in an approved discipline

**Or**

- Existing Life Membership of SCA

Successful applicants will be issued with certificates and logos for us in electronic and hard copy stationery with the following spelt out as appropriate;

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