

Guide for Overseas Qualified Youth Workers

You are not required to have youth work qualifications assessed to work as a Youth Worker in Australia, however, for employment purposes, you will be expected to have completed at minimum a diploma or Cert IV (comparable to AQF Level 5 or higher). It is highly recommended to join a professional body to ensure you are insured and aligned with recognised ethical practices and principles.

Steps:

- ☐ Join a professional body, such as:
 - ☐ Community Work Australia
 - ☐ Youth Work NSW
 - ☐ Youth Workers Australia
- ☐ Alternative option: complete a Tafe Course in Australia to gain a diploma or Certificate IV.
- ☐ You will need a WWCC to gain work as a youth worker in Australia.

Required Documents:

- ☐ Academic certificate
- ☐ Resume outlining relevant experience and evidence of supervised placement (if applicable)
- ☐ WWCC

Essential Information:

- Fees: membership fees vary (from no cost to AUD\$300) according to the professional body and membership type. Refer to the relevant website for more information.
- Time estimates: estimated up to 4 weeks for assessment of qualifications and experience for membership.
- If you need a skills assessment for visa purposes, you can apply for this with CWA.

Links:

- Youth Work NSW: <https://youthworknsw.org.au/become-a-member/>
- Community Work Australia: <https://www.communitywork.org.au/>
- Youth Workers Australia: <https://www.ywa.org.au/>