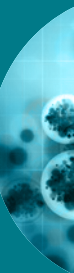
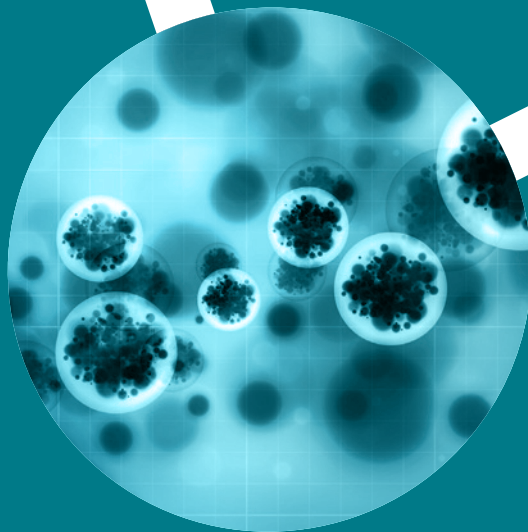


# Credentialling Guide



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## The New Approach

Potential applicants should consider the various requirements for each level in order to determine the level of credential that is most applicable to their individual situation. If the application is successful the credential is awarded for three years after which the individual must either apply for recredentiaing at the same level, or apply to be credentialed at a higher level assuming that they have completed the necessary education and experience to meet the requirements of the next credentiaing level. Educational requirements for Advanced and Expert credentials are named tertiary qualifications i.e. they must include infection control in the qualification title. Tertiary qualifications achieved at international institutions will be considered to meet these requirements if they are named and are consistent with the relevant Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level.

### P

#### **Primary Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – P)**

The Primary CICP demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and behaviours in infection control at a basic level. They have participatory responsibility for infection control in their setting. They would defer to the expertise of an Advanced or Expert ICP and/or fulfil some infection control responsibility in accordance with specific legislation and standards of practice. This may include hand hygiene auditing, acting as a link nurse, or a person who is involved in reprocessing reusable equipment. It is expected that they will routinely practice in accordance with relevant guidelines and the best available evidence, and actively seek the advice of Advanced and Expert CICPs in applying core principles to new, unfamiliar or challenging circumstances.

### A

#### **Advanced Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – A)**

The Advanced CICP demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and behaviours in infection control at an advanced level. They have leadership responsibility for one or more elements of an infection control program in their setting. They would defer to an Expert ICP for guidance and oversight in co-ordinating an entire program. It is expected that they will act as role models to Primary ICPs and practise in accordance with relevant guidelines and the best available evidence, and actively seek the advice of Expert CICPs in applying core principles to new, unfamiliar or challenging circumstances.

# E

## Expert Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – E)

The Expert CICP demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and behaviours at an expert level. They plan, implement, review and evaluate comprehensive infection control programs. They take a leadership role in terms of research and knowledge generation and contribute to the evolution of the discipline of infection control. They act as role model and mentor to Primary and Advanced ICPs and in accordance with relevant guidelines and the best available evidence, and work collaboratively with other Expert CICPs in applying core principles to challenging circumstances and generating new evidence for practice.



## Which level is right for me?

### P

#### Primary Credentialled Infection Control Professional (CICP – P)

##### RELEVANT VOCATIONS

Nurses, Doctors, Scientists, Dentists, Epidemiologists, Veterinarians, Allied Health Professionals, Public Health and Environmental Health Professionals, Child Care Workers, Pharmacists, Occupational Health Industry Representatives, Midwives, Ambulance Paramedics, Defence Health Workers, Personal Care Professionals (tattooists, hairdressers, piercers etc.), Funeral Attendants, others on a case-by-case.

##### PREREQUISITES

- Current financial membership of ACIPC
- Working >12 months part time in infection prevention and control where an aspect of infection control was an explicit focus of your role.

##### KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Complete ACIPC Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control Course, or equivalent as approved by ACIPC
- Complete ACSQHC Infection Control modules
- Complete one of the Hand Hygiene Australia modules.

### A

#### Advanced Credentialled Infection Control Professional (CICP – A)

Registered Nurses, Doctors, Scientists, Epidemiologists, Dentists, Veterinarians, Pharmacists, Midwives, Ambulance Paramedics, others on a case-by-case.

- Current financial membership of ACIPC
- Working >3 years part time in infection prevention and control where infection control was a major focus of your role.

Complete AQF 8 Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control as approved by the ACIPC.

### E

#### Expert Credentialled Infection Control Professional (CICP – E)

Registered Nurses, Doctors, Midwives, Ambulance Paramedics, others on a case-by-case.

- Current financial membership of ACIPC
- Working >5 years in infection prevention and control where infection control was the primary purpose of your role.

Complete AQF 9 Master of Infection Prevention and Control (or higher doctoral qualification) as approved by the ACIPC.

ATTITUDINAL REQUIREMENTS	PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS	COST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer review</li> <li>Critical Reflective Narrative submission on your role over the the next twelve (12) months of your work and your professional development plan for the next three (3) years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum vitae</li> <li>Portfolio submission describing one of the following:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A specific outbreak situation, or</li> <li>Infection control quality improvement activity, or</li> <li>Infection control policy/procedure development/ implementation/review, or</li> <li>Based on your role in infection prevention and control including a critical reflective narrative on your perceptions of the skills and knowledge a person at an advanced level would demonstrate in the situation and what you would need to do to develop the same level of knowledge and skills.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Cost on application.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer review</li> <li>Critical Reflective Narrativesubmission comprising three (3) narratives: one on your role including how it relates to, or supports, your local infection control program; and two from the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A specific outbreak situation, or</li> <li>Infection control quality improvement activity, or</li> <li>Infection control policy/procedure development/implementation/review, or</li> <li>Education project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum vitae</li> <li>Giving Back Portfolio – Describe how you contribute to the profession (eg sitting on a committee, research, presenting at conferences), including a reflection identifying where your expertise lies.</li> </ul>	<p>Cost on application.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer review</li> <li>Critical Reflective Narrative submission Submission comprising three (3) narratives:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role,</li> <li>Knowledge generation,</li> <li>Infection control evolution.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum vitae</li> <li>Giving Back Portfolio – Describe how you contribute to the profession (eg sitting on a committee, research, presenting at conferences), including a reflection on maintainingyourself as an expert.</li> </ul>	<p>Cost on application.</p>

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