



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010– 2011

(MEMBERSHIP WILL BE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR)
Tax Invoice

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SAFCA ABN: 54 509 915 636 (Not registered for G.S.T.)

Please complete the details below in black pen

Return this form and your cheque to:

SAFCA Membership Officer GPO BOX 334 Greenock SA 5360

Or type in the form and return via email to Denesew@bigpond.com

Payment by cheque, money order or EFT (see details below) NO CASH.

Name		
Postal Address		
Suburb/City/Town		Postcode
Street Address (if different to postal address)		
		Postcode
Name of Workplace/Agency (if not applicable please write N/A)		
Business hours phone	Direct line	Mobile
Fax	After hours phone	
Email:		
If you do not have an email address please supply a fax number.		

SAFCA MEMBERSHIP FEES SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011

Application for Associate Membership for EMPLOYED applicants	\$80.00
Application for Associate Membership for VOLUNTEER applicants	\$55.00

* Please note: This fee includes a **once-off application fee** of \$25.00 and membership for the financial year. Should you join on or after 1st January, 2011 then the membership fee is halved but the administration fee remains.

AMOUNT PAID: _____ **DATE:** _____

PAYMENT TYPE (Please circle) Cheque Money Order EFT

EFT DETAILS: CPS Credit Union -Adelaide
BSB: 805 022 Account Number: 2232 4419
Account Name: S.A. Financial Counsellors Assoc. Inc.

Please include your name in the transaction details
Contact SAFCA Secretary: secretary@safca.info with any queries

**** Please attach proof of eligibility (see page 3 of this application)**

FROM THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

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Financial Counsellor:

A Financial Counsellor predominantly assists consumer debtors to manage the consequences of debt and advocates and/or negotiates on behalf of consumers through one or more of the following:

- direct casework,
- group or class advocacy,
- community development and education,
- social action and reform.

A Financial Counsellor must carry out the above activities free of any conflict of interest and must work, paid or unpaid for a Financial Counselling Agency as defined below.

Financial Counselling Agency:

A Financial Counselling agency is a service which:

- Offers full and independent financial counselling services to its clients. Financial Counsellors employed by the agency have adequate skills and knowledge to provide the service.
- Offers these services free of fees, charges or remuneration directly or indirectly, and
- Complies with the model described by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

4. MEMBERSHIP

There are two classes of membership: Members and Associate Members. There is a special category of Affiliated Organisation for agencies wishing to be formally affiliated with SAFCA.

A Member/ Associate member cannot work for any organisation that charges fees for budgeting, financial counselling, or debt management.

4.1 Member

- A Member must work in a paid or voluntary capacity for a Financial Counselling Agency as described above in 2.
- A Member must have completed at least the equivalent of a Diploma in Community Services (Financial Counselling) and have at least 12 months full time equivalent supervised work experience as a Financial Counsellor.
- A member must be free from conflict of interest.

4.2 Associate Member

- A person who has worked as a Financial Counsellor or Budget Counsellor for payment or voluntarily in a not for profit community organisation but who is not currently working in that capacity,
- A person who has worked in a not for profit community organisation and demonstrated involvement and interest in the field of social welfare/human services or consumer legal issues for at least three of the five years prior to application.
- A person studying a Diploma in Community Services (Financial Counselling) in a program with a Registered Training Organisation.
- A person who works in a paid or voluntary capacity for a Financial Counselling Agency as described above and who has not completed all the requirements for membership.
- An Associate Member must be free from conflict of interest and must not work for an organisation that charges a fee for budgeting or financial counselling.
- An Associate Member who is voted onto the Executive Committee will have a vote on that Committee.
- An Associate member does not have a vote at general meetings.

4.3 Affiliated Organisation

A not for profit community service organisation that has a financial counselling service, as described above, and that employs Financial Counsellors who are eligible for membership of SAFCA may apply for Affiliation with SAFCA.

