

ASSERT Accredited Sex Educator Criteria

An Accredited Sex Educator is a person with the following qualifications and criteria:

1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Must hold a degree from a recognized University in Australia as listed in the Australian Qualifications Framework, register of recognized institutions (<http://www.aqf.edu.au/register.htm>) or from an international institution listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) register:

(<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/Migrant/NationalOfficeofOverseasSkillSRrecognitionNOOSR.htm>).

It is preferable that the degree is in an area related to sex education methodology and has 80 hours of course content in education. It is expected that a sexuality educator has completed further education in sexuality and sexual health.

This training should be:

- A degree or diploma in sexual health from a University/College
- Additional educational opportunities such as sexual health courses, workshops or sexual health conferences will be considered by the ASSERT Accreditation Committee
- Evidence of a high level of skill as a sex educator.

2. CURRENTLY WORKING AS A SEX EDUCATOR

Must have over the last two years provided, at least 200 hours of sex education to health professionals, students, or the general community.

3. ASSERT Code of Ethics

The applicant will have read the ASSERT Code of Ethics.

By signing the certification application form, the applicant agrees to be bound by the ASSERT Code of Ethics.

4. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING DOCUMENTATION IN SEX EDUCATION

Detailed documentation of minimum of 200 hours experience in providing sex education.

The following would be considered examples of sex education:

- Tutor, lecturer, or coordinator of a teaching unit offered as part of a degree program in sexology, sexual health, and health promotion.
- Teaching in the field of human sexuality and reproductive health, such as Family Planning Education Teams, university teaching work in sex, high school teaching and training, youth work, religious institutions or related health or outreach agency.
- Teaching or development of teaching programs in the field of human sexuality and reproductive health.

5. ACCREDITED SEXUALITY EDUCATOR - SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The accreditation committee of ASSERT recognizes that there may be applicants with extensive experience in sex education who have not had the opportunity of a formal qualification in the area. The committee will consider these applications individually under this 'special circumstances category'. Special circumstances could include specialisation in one or limited areas of sex education. The ASSERT Accreditation Committee will review the documentation of education and work experience of the applicant to determine the applicant's membership status.

6. DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted to the ASSERT Accreditation Committee:

- 1) Completed application form for ASSERT Accredited Sexuality Educator Membership.
- 2) Official transcripts of program(s) in which degree(s) and diploma(s).
- 3) Documentation of 200 hours of education in human sexuality within the last 2 years. Documentation must include the dates, name of organization that is providing the education, and outline of the educational program, signed by a supervisor, colleague or professional referee.
- 4) A nomination signature from an ASSERT Accredited Member, supporting the application or two professional referees supporting the application.

- 5) Copy of current professional insurance or certified copy of letter OF EMPLOYMENT from government or private organisation if covered by indemnity insurance by them.
- 6) Copy Of National Police Check and/or A signed statutory declaration stating that they have no criminal convictions related to their professional conduct or relevant offenses.
- 7) Complete the Permission to display professional details on the ASSERT website. Please note this is at the bottom of the application form.

Upon approval of the ASSERT Accreditation Committee, the successful applicant will receive a letter in recognition of having met the ASSERT requirements for accredited sexuality educator membership.

The applicant will then be invited to become a member of ASSERT.

When the applicant has accepted the offer, they will be required to pay a membership fee.

On receipt of the membership fee, the applicant will receive notification of their accredited sex therapy membership.

7. MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL STATUS

To maintain accredited professional sex therapist membership of ASSERT, every **three years** or a period stated by ASSERT board, members must submit documentation of:

- 100 hours of sex education annually,
- 80 hours of ongoing appropriate education, research, reading of relevant academic articles

To retain the ASSERT Professional Sex Educator status, the member must pay membership on an annual basis, and be a practicing sex educator.

If the membership lapses the accreditation status will also lapse.