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Accreditation Pathway

The Strata Community Association (SCA) provides nationally and internationally recognised professional qualifications for strata managers so nominated by a Corporate Strata Manager Business Member ("SCA Manager"). Consumers demand it and Strata Community Managers, in order to remain up-to-date and competitive, need to have it.

Each level of accreditation includes specific obligations for the SCA Manager 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

Accreditation provides a means of determining, formally recognizing and promoting the competence of SCA Managers in the management of Strata Communities. The SCA Accreditation benefits Strata Community Managers in the correct and lawful performance of strata management and to appropriate standards within the strata industry.

For consumers: SCA Accreditation provides a way to identify SCA Managers who have submitted themselves to a code of conduct and undertake continuing professional development, so creating security, trust, professionalism and recognition.

For the strata industry: SCA Accreditation enables SCA 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, the SCA Accreditation helps ensure SCA Managers that they:

- 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

SCA Managers seeking accreditation must:

- be members of their respective SCA state, territory or chapter affiliate
- submit to a code of conduct/ethics
- undertake additional training or submit evidence of their competency.
- Complete & submit an Application Form available on the website: strata.community/about-us/accreditation

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How it is administered

The program has been developed by the SCA Professional Standards and Membership Group which includes state, territory and chapter representatives. The SCA Professional Standards and Membership Board Advisory Group governs the overall accreditation program while SCA's states, territory and chapter affiliates oversee the delivery of education programs and accreditation of individuals under the SCA Accreditation Framework.

Accreditation Levels & Post Nominals

There are four levels of accreditation as follows:

Level	Post Nominal
Level 1	SCA Accredited Strata Community Manager - ASCM
Level 2	SCA Certified Strata Community Manager - CSCM
Level 3	SCA Practising Strata Community Manager - PSCM
Level 4	SCA Fellow Strata Community Manager - FSCM

Successful applicants will be issued with certificates and logos for use in electronic and hard copy stationery with the post nominal spelt out.

Prerequisite to join SCA's Accreditation Pathway

For an individual person so nominated by a Corporate Strata Manager Business member to join SCA's Accreditation Pathway, **successful completion of the SCA A100 Essentials of Strata Community Management*** is a prerequisite. Any SCA Manager having achieved accreditation under SCA under a previous Accreditation Model so rolled out by SCA are exempt from completing the A100 Essentials of Strata Community Management course as they are already on the Accreditation Pathway.

* *Contact SCA for course delivery and costs within in the states/territories and chapters; also refer to SCA A100 Fast Track Policy – contact* accreditation@strata.community

Mandatory Requirements

For all Levels, it is mandatory that the applicant:

- is an individual so nominated by a Corporate Strata Manager Business member in their respective state / territory / chapter;
- adheres to the Code of Conduct/Ethics; and
- meets the requirements **outlined on Page 3.**

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Level	SCA Membership Requirements	Education/ Qualification Requirements	Professional Development Requirements
Level 1 Accredited (ASCM)	Minimum **2** years of SCA membership and adherence to Code of Conduct.	Completion of the **A100 Course** and the following **5 modules** of the **Cert IV** in Strata Community Management (SCM)* **CPPDSM3016** – Work in the property industry **CPPDSM3019** – Communicate with Clients **CPPDSM3017** – Work in the Strata Community Management Sector **CPPDSM3009** – Maintain workplace safety **CPPDSM3020** – Facilitate meetings in the property industry	Minimum of 12 CPD points from ongoing professional development in **each** 12 month period over a total period of 24 months. A total of at least 24 CPD points is therefore required.
Level 2 Certified (CSCM)	Minimum **2** years of SCA membership and adherence to Code of Conduct.	Completion of the **A100 Course** and **Cert IV** in Strata Community Management (SCM)*	Minimum of 12 CPD points from ongoing professional development in **each** 12 month period over a total period of 24 months. A total of at least 24 CPD points is therefore required.
Level 3 Practising (PSCM)	Minimum **5** years of SCA membership and adherence to Code of Conduct.	Completion of the **A100 Course** and **Diploma** in Strata Community Management (SCM)*	Minimum of 24 CPD points from ongoing professional development over a total period of 24 months.
Level 4 Fellow (FSCM)	Must be an existing Practising Strata Community Manager (PSCM, Level 3) **plus** meet one of the two options listed under Other Requirements; **OR** Life Members are also eligible for Level 4 Accreditation.	**Other Requirements** • Minimum of 15 years' membership plus extensive record of service to industry eg. board/ committee participation and dedication to training/ mentoring; **OR** • Minimum 12 years' membership, plus a minimum of 10 years' experience managing Strata Communities, plus a Post Graduate qualification in an industry related discipline.	

***Note:** Other, related courses at an equivalent or higher level may be considered. You may submit a related course Certificate to the SCA office for the committee to consider prior to submitting your full Accreditation application.

Level 1: The 5 modules of the Cert IV in SCM will only be accepted until such time as a Cert III in SCM becomes available.

Level 3: A Diploma in SCM is not yet available. Other, relevant courses may be considered to achieve Level 3 until such time as the Diploma becomes available.

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