



## Institute of Ecological Agriculture Accreditation (Pilot)

### Step-by-step guide to becoming accredited with the IEA

1. Contact IEA Accreditation to express your interest:  
[kbrown@ecoag.org.au](mailto:kbrown@ecoag.org.au)
2. Familiarise yourself with the requirements for accreditation on the IEA website <https://www.ecoag.org.au/accreditation>, with reference to the following:
  - i. IEA members must act in accordance with the IEA Constitution
  - ii. IEA members must abide by the IEA Code of Ethics
  - iii. IEA members must abide by the IEA Rules of Conduct
  - iv. Applicants must satisfy 7 of 10 Professional Standards
  - v. Applicants must demonstrate 7 of 9 Knowledge Systems.
3. Join the IEA (if you are not already a member):  
<https://www.ecoag.org.au/membership>.
4. Identify and document the **Knowledge Systems** you meet (applicants are required to demonstrate knowledge and experience in at least 7 of 9 Knowledge Systems. IEA will support applicants through this process).
5. Identify and document the **Professional Standards** you meet (applicants are required to satisfy 7 of 10 Professional Standards. IEA will support applicants through this process).
6. Collate a digital **Portfolio** addressing the Knowledge Systems (7 of 9) and Professional Standards (7 of 10) criteria. Your portfolio can include media such as video, audio, websites, articles, or socials.
7. Compose a **Cover Letter**, addressing your reason for seeking accreditation (you may wish to highlight the Knowledge Systems that are most relevant to you).

8. Prepare a **Resume** highlighting your experience and qualifications (if applicable<sup>1</sup>), including at least two **Referees** (one Character and one Professional). Applicant's may nominate up to four Referees.
9. Complete the **Application Form**, pay the **Application Assessment Fee**, and submit your application to IEA Accreditation for assessment.

### Why become an Accredited Member of IEA?

The IEA Accreditation is a consultative accreditation designed to maintain the ethical and professional standards of agricultural approaches that inform ecological (regenerative) agriculture, including but not limited to agroecology, Indigenous foodways, Indigenous land management, permaculture, carbon farming, natural farming, keyline farming, organic agriculture, biodynamic agriculture, natural resource management, soil conservation farming, and holistic management.

The IEA offers three accreditation paths:



**IEA Accredited Educators** provide advice, facilitate, train, and teach on topics relating to ecological (regenerative) agriculture.



**IEA Accredited Consultants** provide advice to farmers and consult on issues relating to ecological (regenerative) agriculture.



**IEA Associate and Student Associate (proof of enrolment required)** may have experience in ecological (regenerative) agriculture but are still to achieve all the requirements for Educator or Consultant Accreditation.

All IEA members are eligible to apply for IEA . IEA Accreditation  
The IEA recognises that there are different levels and forms of education, experience, and transformation.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants holding qualifications in regenerative agriculture should have at least four (4) years of experience. Applicants not holding qualifications in regenerative agriculture should have five (5) to nine (9) years of experience.