



Information re: application for LDA Specialist Consultant Membership

LDA Specialist Consultant Membership is a category reserved for highly qualified and experienced individuals dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by learning difficulties through practices based on current scientific research. LDA Specialist Consultant Members are recognised for maintaining exceptional standards of professional practice in their respective fields to:

- advance understanding of the complex nature of learning difficulties and promote the need for assessment and intervention to be carried out by qualified and expert professionals.

- support and promote scientific evidence-based research that will advance understanding of the theory and evidence underlying effective practices for students with learning difficulties.

Applicants for Consultant Membership must be financial members of LDA. As well as the ordinary LDA Membership benefits, Consultants become part of local Consultant Networks, may register for LDA's Online Tutor Search service and attend Consultant only PD.

YOUR APPLICATION - The following information must be included in your application:

1. If already a member of LDA, provide your membership number
2. Evidence (copy) of your current professional organisation registration. Ensure the information regarding your National Police History Check is current and visible.
3. Allied Health Professionals: Evidence (copy of transcripts) of university qualification(s) for allied-health professionals. educators: Evidence of post-graduate qualifications with a significant LD component.
4. Evidence of at least three years' experience working in your professional field with children, adolescents and/or adults with LD.
5. Referee contact details for 2-3 referees regarding your experience working with individuals with LD.
6. Select 4 Professional Development activities - with a strong evidence basis focused on learning difficulties - in which you participated within the last 2-3 years. As well as face-to-face events, this PD can include some webinars, podcasts, other online learning options and reading of relevant articles. List (a) Subject/ title (b) Name of presenter/s or Publication (if a reading) (c) Date. Evidence such as attendance certificates is preferred along with a brief explanation of the relevance to your practice.

7. A case study of your work, past or current, with a student who has learning difficulties. Please include details of all preliminary and ongoing assessments, your analysis of the results, subsequent program planning and implementation.

Please note:

- LDA consultants who work with students privately are required to be currently insured for *both public liability and professional indemnity*. LDA can provide guidance on suitable providers if requested. You must provide evidence of your annual cover from the date of LDA's letter inviting you to be a Consultant.
- Professional development activities will be required for continuing Consultancy membership. If your application is accepted, you will receive a copy of the PD requirements for renewal. Relevant PD events you may wish to attend are emailed to members as they arise.
- An interview may be requested

If your application is not successful, you will be contacted by the LDA Consultant Convenor and advised of the reason your application was unsuccessful. If you wish, guidance will be given as to what areas of additional information or study are required in order for you to re-apply with an increased chance of success.