



# AACBT

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION  
FOR COGNITIVE AND  
BEHAVIOUR THERAPY

## Conditions of AACBT Accreditation

Please note the following conditions of Accreditation as an AACBT Therapist:

**1. Ethical and Professional Practice:** AACBT Accredited Cognitive and/or Behaviour Therapists are required to practice ethically, professionally with due regard for the dignity and well being of their clients, and be cognisant of the relevant legislation. It is expected that AACBT Accredited Therapists will practice in accordance with the professional and ethical standards of their relevant professional and/or registration body.

Accredited AACBT Therapists must not have:

- Ever been under investigation by any disciplinary or legal tribunal
- Had charges of unprofessional conduct brought against them
- Been convicted of any criminal offence in the past 10 years

Accredited AACBT Therapist are required to notify the AACBT within 7 working days if they are:

- Placed under investigation by any disciplinary or legal tribunal
- Have charges of unprofessional conduct brought against them
- Have criminal charges brought against them

**2. Mandatory Professional Indemnity Insurance Cover:** AACBT Accredited Cognitive and/or Behaviour Therapists must be covered by appropriate professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements. AACBT Accredited Therapists must be able to provide documentary evidence of their PII insurance cover on request from the AACBT. PII cover is required for all practising AACBT Accredited Therapists, including those in part-time or volunteer work. PII cover may be provided through an individual insurance arrangement, an employer or education provider's insurance arrangement, or both.

The PII arrangements must include:

- Cover for any breach or alleged breach of professional duty of care
- Cover for any breach of professional codes of ethics
- Cover for complaints received in relation to professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct
- Cover for complaints received in relation to any privacy laws
- Civil liability cover
- Unlimited retroactive cover
- Run-off cover
- Two automatic reinstatements during the period of cover

AACBT Accredited Therapists who have PII cover through an employer and/or education provider's insurance arrangement should ensure that this PII cover meets the AACBT standards. If it does not, the

AACBT Accredited Therapist will need to take out additional cover to meet the requirements.

**3. Professional Status/Qualifications and Advertising:** Membership of AACBT does not confer any professional status or qualification. Members should not refer to their membership of AACBT in advertising or elsewhere to imply any such professional status or qualification.

AACBT members accredited by the AACBT as meeting the criteria for Accreditation as a Cognitive and/or Behaviour Therapist with the AACBT, are free to advertise or otherwise announce that fact.