



AUSTRALIAN NATURAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION LTD

INFORMATION AND BENEFITS OF JOINING ANTA

- 1. The Australian Natural Therapists Association Ltd (ANTA), established in 1955 is the largest multi modality national democratic association of professional Natural and Traditional Therapists.**
- 2. For over 50 years the ANTA name has been synonymous with "Quality" and "Peak Body of the Profession".**
- 3. ANTA is committed to Quality Assurance and Public Safety by maintaining the highest Qualification and Ethical Standards.**
- 4. As a democratic professional association ANTA is governed by a Constitution and a Code of Professional Ethics.**
- 5. Members can attend and vote at ANTA general meetings and elect representatives on National Council.**
- 6. ANTA is an organisation listed in schedule one of the regulations of the Therapeutics Goods Act 1989.**
- 7. ANTA QUALITY POLICY**
ANTA is a quality organisation and aims to deliver quality service at all times.
- 8. ANTA MISSION STATEMENT**
ANTA's mission is to uphold and advance the standing of Natural Therapies and Traditional Medicine within the community and to provide the public with best practice health care.
- 9. REPRESENTING THE PROFESSION**
Working with Governments, Researchers, Educators, Health Funds, WorkCover Authorities Professional Organisations and like minded bodies, ANTA represents the interests of:

Acupuncture	Aromatherapy	Ayurveda	Chinese Herbal Medicine	Chiropractic	Counselling
Homoeopathy	Myotherapy	Musculoskeletal	Naturopathy	Nutrition	Osteopathy
Oriental Massage	Remedial Massage	TCM	Western Herbal Medicine		
- 10. RECOGNISED PROFESSIONALS**
Australian Taxation Office Private Ruling Authorisation Number 21966 - "ANTA is a professional association that has uniform national registration requirements for practitioners of traditional medicine and natural therapies. Consequently practitioners who are members of ANTA will be considered to be recognised professionals for the purposes of paragraph 38-10(1)(b) of the GST Act".
- 11. GST-FREE SERVICES**
ANTA Members are able to supply GST-Free services in accordance with the "GST Act" and in particular Section 38-10 (1) (B) of the "GST Act".
- 12. HIGH STANDARDS**
ANTA sets high standards and demanding codes of practice for members and places strong emphasis on improving knowledge and skills.
- 13. MAINTAIN THE QUALITY AND INVESTMENT IN YOUR QUALIFICATION**
Graduates and practitioners who join ANTA are assured the considerable time, effort, money and dedication invested in their qualification and training is respected and maintained by ANTA. To protect your investment, ANTA maintains a consistent, rigorous course assessment and recognition program that ensures that only courses that deliver quality education and training are recognised by ANTA. ANTA does not have grandparenting programs and only graduates and practitioners who have completed the high standard courses recognised by ANTA are eligible to join ANTA. Because of the high educational standards maintained by ANTA, it is reassuring to know that the considerable time, effort, money and dedication you have invested in your training and future is not devalued or compromised when you join ANTA.
- 14. ANTA provides varying levels of membership in recognition of acquired training.**
- 15. ANTA recognises the requirements of specialist modality practitioners and modalities are represented by an ANTA Director.**
- 16. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) & NATIONAL SEMINARS**
ANTA organises regular high quality national seminars with free admission for ANTA Members and Student Members. ANTA has CPE guidelines and programs that enable members to complete a minimum of 20 hours CPE per annum.
- 17. ANTA e-Learning Centre**
In another first for the Natural Therapy profession, ANTA is pleased to present the innovative ANTA e-Learning Centre Facility as part of your membership package. ANTA members currently enjoy free high quality national seminars and can now undertake further Continuing Professional Education (CPE) on line via the ANTA e-Learning Centre and update CPE points activity in the Members Centre of the ANTA website.
- 18. PRACTITIONER REFERRAL SERVICES**
ANTA operates the following successful practitioner referral services for members: Computer data base of ANTA members with variable search options - National public freecall number for referral to ANTA practitioners - Website with facility for the public to search for an ANTA member by postcode, name or modality.
- 19. HEALTH FUNDS/WORKCOVER AUTHORITIES**
The Private Health Insurance (Accreditation) Rules 2008 were made by the Minister of Health & Ageing under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007 and came into effect for all Natural Therapy and Traditional Medicine practitioners on the 1st July 2009. ANTA satisfies the new rules and has signed agreements with health funds to ensure ANTA members are eligible for registration with health funds as an ANTA health service provider. ANTA members are regarded as the benchmark and have the most extensive recognition as health service providers nationally with Health Funds and Workcover Authorities.

20. FIRST AID

ANTA members are required to have a current Senior (or Level 2) First Aid qualification. This requirement assists ANTA members in receiving extensive recognition by Health Funds and WorkCover authorities.

21. GOVERNMENT

As a peak body representing the pinnacle of the profession, ANTA is represented and involved with all levels of Federal and State government.

22. SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE

The ANTA National Administration Office is staffed by a team of full-time staff and support and assistance is available to all ANTA Members during business hours Monday to Friday.

23. FULL PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE COVER

OAMPS Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd have been appointed the preferred supplier of Insurance for ANTA members. ANTA members are eligible to apply to participate in the OAMPS/ANTA Insurance facility with policies and premiums specifically developed to cover ANTA members for Professional Risks, Products Liability and General Public Liability.

OAMPS Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd - Contact: (03) 9412 1245.

24. PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATION

"The Natural Therapist" is published and mailed to members quarterly. ANTA members are encouraged to submit articles for the publication. Notice board information and Classified Advertisements are available to members at no cost.

25. WEBSITE www.australiannaturaltherapistsassociation.com.au

The ANTA website contains a vast amount of information about ANTA, ANTA Members and Natural and Traditional Therapies for the public, practitioners and members. There is a Members Centre which contains a large amount of information & services that members can access online. You will need to Register on the ANTA website to obtain your individual password to access the Members Centre. The ANTA website is updated regularly and the latest news & information is at member's fingertips by simply logging onto www.anta.com.au.

26. WANT YOUR OWN FREE WEBPAGE?

Take advantage of the opportunity to promote your practice. The ANTA website receives more than 2 Million hits each year. Now that's a huge market in any ones language! The ANTA Website has the facility for members to develop their own webpage (on the ANTA website). ANTA members can set up their own webpage online by entering the Members Centre on the ANTA website and simply clicking on 'Free webpage' and following the instructions. Members pay no set up costs or renewal fees whatsoever to have their own webpage.

27. ADVERTISING

ANTA actively promotes and advertises the Association, ANTA members, practitioner referral freecall number, website and ANTA activities on a national basis using mediums such as Health and Lifestyle publications, Yellow Pages, Exhibitions and Promotions.

28. YELLOW PAGES ADVERTISING

ANTA places a range of advertisements in capital city, metropolitan and regional Yellow Pages across Australia.

29. MEMBERS HAVE FREE ONLINE ACCESS (24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK) TO THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AND

300 Herbs	350 Diseases & Conditions	250 Supplements
Treatment Options	Herb-Drug Interactions	Supplement-Drug Interactions
Signs & Symptoms	Organ & Body Systems	Drug Induced Depletions

MONOGRAPHS INCLUDING:

Evidenced Based/Peer Reviewed Information and much more.....Available from the Members Centre of the ANTA website.

30. PUBLIC & MEDIA EXPOSURE

As a National association representing practitioners at the pinnacle of the profession ANTA is frequently called upon to comment on Natural and Traditional Therapies and public health issues.

31. CERTIFICATES

ANTA members receive the following certificates: Membership certificate Accreditation certificate Therapeutic Goods Advertising certificate of exemption Complementary Medicine Practitioner Associations Council (CMPAC) registration certificate.

32. ANTA STATIONERY

Upon receiving membership with ANTA members receive: Complimentary official ANTA receipt book Complimentary Lapel Badge Back issues of "The Natural Therapist" A range of ANTA stationery is available to ANTA members at cost price.

33. PRACTITIONER COLOUR BROCHURES

On the ANTA website there is a range of colour brochure templates covering all modalities that members can download and customise to suit their practice for FREE.

34. NEWSLETTERS

Regular newsletters are sent to members to ensure members are kept up-to-date with developments and news.

35. ANTA e-News

To enable members to receive information quickly on matters relating to the profession, ANTA members can subscribe to a free service called ANTA e-News. ANTA Members who subscribe to ANTA e-News will receive information directly from ANTA by email. The type of information that members can receive by email will include newsletters, media releases, latest government news, CPE notices, reports, health fund info etc. ANTA e-News is only available to ANTA members and your email address will be kept confidential and secure, together with your membership information, on the ANTA Membership database.

36. ANTA NATIONAL BURSARY AWARDS

Each year ANTA provides 10 Bursary Awards of \$1000 each to students, graduates and practitioners who are undertaking further study. All students, graduates and practitioners who are studying are eligible to apply for an ANTA National Bursary Award of \$1000. Details on how to apply are on the ANTA website www.anta.com.au.

