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## Transition Information Pack for Professional Membership.

Transition to Professional Member status is open to anyone who has been an Interest Member of the Tarot Guild of Australia for **at least three months**. If you have not yet joined the Guild, please complete the application form in Attachment Three.

In summary, the Guild believes professional Tarot readers should be able to: demonstrate a sound understanding of the meanings usually ascribed to each of the 78 cards in the Tarot deck

- make meaningful connections between cards to build an interpretation based on the symbols and images in the Tarot cards
- use one or more Tarot spreads to interpret cards in a way that makes sense to the client
- communicate with clients in a way that produces a positive experience for clients and for themselves as readers
- respect their clients' values and right to self-determination
- abide by the Tarot Guild of Australia's Code of Ethics in their professional practice (see Attachment Two).

### Transition process

After submitting the Transition application form (Attachment Three) and paying the fee of \$85, you will receive the Transition examination paper by email or in the post. You have **up to three months** to complete the paper, which can be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word document or handwritten.

You will also be given the names and contact details for your three assessment panel members, who are Professional Members of the Guild. Two of these will be available as your personal mentors to answer any questions you might have about the Transition process, e.g. to clarify the intent of questions in the Transition paper.

In addition, you are required to:

- Complete 20 readings for clients, family members or friends. The readings, which can be as short as 10-15 minutes or as long as 45-60 minutes, should be documented on the log sheet provided in Attachment One. Where possible, ask people for their telephone numbers. As part of the assessment process, we may call a couple of your people to verify that the readings took place.

**Note:** *We recommend that you have your log of readings at least 50% complete before you apply to do Transition.*

- **After** you have completed the Transition paper and log of readings, either a telephone discussion session will be organised between you and two panel members, or you will



receive written feedback. The aim of this is to provide feedback on what you have submitted so far and, if necessary, ask further questions based on your paper.

- Complete three Tarot readings of approximately 20 minutes duration - general, career and relationship: one reading for each of your three assessment panel members. Where possible, readings should be face-to-face, but telephone readings are also acceptable.

**Please note:** You will need to contact Panel Member **after** they receive your completed Transition examination paper to organise times for these readings.. You are expected to conduct the readings as you would for a 'real' client. You can use any deck and any spread for these readings.

### **Other forms of evidence**

The Transition process may be tailored to accommodate individual circumstances. Whilst most candidates for Professional membership will complete the process as described above, the Guild recognises that some Tarot practitioners may be able to produce other forms of evidence to demonstrate they fulfil one or more of the criteria listed on page one.

Please contact the President of the Tarot Guild if you would like to present specific material in support of your application for Professional membership.

### **Assessment, certification and beyond...**

- As soon as possible, after you have submitted your paper, you will be contacted and given feedback on your paper. After this you will be asked to read for your panel members. Following the readings, you will be notified of the outcome of your application.
- Successful applicants receive a certificate that entitles them to advertise their Tarot services as Professional Members of the Tarot Guild of Australia Inc.
- Professional Members are entitled to a free listing as a Tarot reader and/or teacher on the Tarot Guild's website. This list is sent to any member of the public who enquires about Tarot readers and teachers. Professional members may also pay an additional fee of \$90 per year (with an initial set up fee of \$150) to have an advertisement on the Guild's website.
- Professional members have permission to use the Tarot Guild logo

If you have any queries regarding the process, please email the President [president@tarotguild.org.au](mailto:president@tarotguild.org.au)

Good luck! We look forward to welcoming you as a Professional Member of the Tarot Guild of Australia. Inc.

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**(Attachment 1) Tarot Guild of Australia Inc. Transition Requirement: Log of Readings**

**Note:** please ask clients for their telephone numbers. Explain that the Guild will call a couple of people to verify that the readings took place. We understand that it may not always be possible to get telephone numbers.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Client</b>	<b>Brief description of reading</b>	<b>Client signature</b>	<b>Client Tel. No.</b>
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## TGA Code of Ethics & Professional Behaviour

### Purpose

- The purpose of this code is to establish and maintain standards for Tarot practitioners, who are members of the Tarot Guild of Australia, and to inform and protect members of the Tarot Guild of Australia, and to inform and protect members of the public seeking and using their services.

### Requirement

- All members of this Guild are required to abide by this code. They thereby accept a common frame of reference within which to manage their responsibilities to clients, colleagues, members of this Guild, and the wider community. This code aims to provide a frame work for addressing ethical issues and to encourage optimum levels of practice.

### The Nature of Tarot

- The practice of Tarot is a nonexploitative activity. Its basic values are integrity, impartiality, and respect. The practitioner's role is to facilitate the client's journey in ways which respect the client's values, personal resources, and capacity for self-determination. Practitioners should take

the same degree of care to work ethically whether their services are paid or voluntary.

### Practitioners undertake the following:

- To uphold the integrity of the Tarot as an enduring source of wise counsel, spiritual

guidance, and as a pathway to self knowledge.

- To remain open to the acquisition of new skills.
- To take all reasonable steps to monitor and develop their own competence and to work within the limits of that competence. This includes having appropriate and ongoing supervision and/or consultative support for their work.
- To pursue their own personal development.
- To maintain their own effectiveness, resilience, and ability to help clients.
- To monitor their own personal functioning and to seek help and/or withdraw from the practice of the Tarot, either temporarily or permanently, when their personal resources are sufficiently depleted to require this.

### Colleagues

- To conduct themselves in their Tarot-related activities in ways which elicit public confidence in their role as a practitioner and in the work of other practitioners. It is not appropriate to undermine the work of others.
- To discuss problematic readings/clients, should the need arise, with a trusted colleague, adhering to the principle of client confidentiality.

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## Public Statements

- To adhere to the policy that all official or legal statements concerning the Tarot Guild of Australia must come from the President after s/he has consulted with the Committee of Management.

## Confidentiality

- To treat confidentially all personal information about clients, whether obtained directly or indirectly by inference.
- To ensure that discussions about particular consultations within supervision and teaching take place without revealing the client's identity.

## Practitioner/Client Relations

- Pre-Consultation Information
- To be responsible for communicating accurately the terms on which their services are being offered (eg. availability, confidentiality, fees, cancellations, and any other
- significant matters) before the consultation takes place.
- To inform the client of the interpretive nature of the Tarot and ensure that they understand the power of their own free choice.

## Client Protection

- To have as first priority the well being of the client, to endeavor to enhance the

client's self understanding, and to inspire hope and courage.

- To use the Tarot for the empowerment of others, i.e., to work in ways which promote the client's control over his/her own life, and to respect the client's ability to make decisions in the light of his/her own beliefs and values.
- To refrain from imposing personal judgements and prejudices during consultations.

## Referral

- To recognise their inability or unwillingness to work with a client and make appropriate referrals.

## Relations between Guild Members

- To respect, support, and encourage fellow members in their pursuit of Tarot wisdom.

## Hanged Man Clause

- The Committee of Management reserves the right to assess the professional behaviour of members when called to question. A formal procedure has been developed.
- Members of the Tarot Guild of Australia accept and abide by these guiding principles. Professional Members are required to sign a statement indicating their willingness to do this when they acquire their Professional certification.



## Attachment 4

### Suggested Reading List –

Applicants are not expected to read all the following texts. It is simply a list of books the Tarot Guild of Australia believes make a valuable contribution to the understanding of Tarot. We encourage you to browse titles you have not yet read.

Author	Title
Arrien, Angeles	The Tarot Handbook
Bolen, Dr. Jean Shinoda	Goddesses in Everywoman
Bolen, Dr. Jean Shinoda	Gods in Everyman
Burke, Juliet S. and Liz Greene	The Mythic Tarot
Campbell, Joseph	The Power of Myth
Campbell, Joseph	The Hero with a Thousand Faces
Chevalier, J. and Gheerbrant, A.	The Penguin Dictionary of Symbols
Cirlot, J. E.	A Dictionary of Symbols
Connolly, Eileen	The Journeyman
Connolly, Eileen	The Apprentice
Fenton-Smith, Paul	The Tarot Revealed
Fenton-Smith, Paul	Mastering the Tarot
Gad, Eileen	Tarot and Individuation
Giles, Cynthia	The Tarot, History Mystery and Lore
Giles, Cynthia	The Tarot, Methods, Mastery and More
Greer, Mary	Tarot for Yourself
Greer, Mary	Tarot Mirrors
Greer, Mary	The Complete Book of Tarot Reversals
Gwain, Rose	Discovering Yourself Through Tarot
Johnson, Robert	Owning Your Own Shadow
Jung, C. J.	Man and his Symbols
Matthews, Caitlin and John	Arthurian Tarot
Nicholls, Sallie	Jung and the Tarot
Pollack, Rachel	Seventy Eight Degrees of Wisdom
Pollack, Rachel	The Forest of Souls: A Walk Through the Tarot
Steventon, Kay	Spiral Tarot, A Story of the Cycles of Life
Walker, Barbara	The Women's Encyclopedia of Myths + Secrets
Wang, Robert	The Qabalistic Tarot