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CEnvP Scheme Ready-Reference

Who we are

The Certified Environmental Professional Scheme is an independent program of EIANZ, run in accordance with the **international standard for certifying bodies (ISO 17024)**.

EIANZ is a **not-for-profit**, focused on **promoting excellence** and **supporting the profession**.

60% of CEnvPs are not EIANZ members – the Scheme partners with specialist groups such as ALGA and ACLCA (site contamination) to ensure practitioners are provided with appropriate CPD opportunities.

About EIANZ (as it relates to CEnvP)

The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) is **Australasia's peak body** for environmental professionals.

We represent **around 4,000** members and certified environmental practitioners from a diverse range of technical professions including scientists, policymakers, engineers, lawyers and economists.

Our members are at the **forefront of issues** such as impact assessment, biodiversity, climate change, and nature positive.

EIANZ is part of a **global network of over 100,000** environmental practitioners, including IEMA (UK and ISSP (USA)

We define 'environment' as including **all aspects of the surroundings of human beings** (so includes Social Impact and Heritage)

Certification Types

- General practice (5 years' experience)
- Specialisations (10 years' experience):
 - Impact assessment
 - Impact assessment + REAP (required in NSW)
 - Site contamination (required in NZ, NSW and TAS)
 - Ecology (required in QLD for Flora assessments)
 - Heritage
 - Geomorphology
 - Climate change (relaunched in Feb 2025)



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- Social impact assessment

Benefits of Certification to Government

- Improved quality of submissions
- Third party assurance in proficiency, professionalism and ethical practice
- Reduced administration in determining SQP
- Faster approvals
- No cost

A Robust Certification Process

Application process

The Certified Environmental Practitioner Scheme assesses the experience, skills and ethical conduct of environmental professionals across Australia, New Zealand and the globe.

A rigorous and impartial application process is in place to certify only leading practitioners in their fields and give confidence to government, clients, industry and the community.

After an application is submitted, a qualified Registrar verifies and assesses that the applicant has demonstrated the knowledge, skills and experience required for certification.

If assessed positively, the application progresses to an Assessment Panel of three environmental professionals who are CEnvPs in the relevant field, chosen for their experience, competency and ethical behaviour. The Panel reviews that applicant's reports and written submissions before conducting an in-depth interview to fully explore the applicant's proficiency, knowledge and response to various ethical and technical scenarios.

Following the interview, applications progress to the Certification Board, who reviews the entire application, including the Registrar's and Panel's report in detail before deciding to certify, defer, or reject an application.

The application process generally takes around 4-6 months depending on whether an application is complete and properly made.

Ethical and Professional Practice

CEnvPs are obliged to comply with the [EIANZ Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct](#), which is central to sound environmental practice and the credibility of the profession.



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Complaints against certified practitioners are treated seriously. The Scheme has a robust process of investigation and disciplinary action that can result in the cancellation of a practitioner's certification, having a significant impact on the practitioner's livelihood.

Recertification

Certifications are reviewed on a two-year basis. To maintain CEnvP status, certified practitioners need to provide evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and a statement verifying any changed circumstances related to ethical and professional conduct.

Notes about the wider EIANZ

Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

To **connect and support** environmental practitioners to promote a **sustainable future**

Vision

Promote excellence in practice by supporting our members in their professional development throughout their careers

Support the profession in its contribution to good environmental outcomes

Be credible, respected and valued

Represent the diversity of the profession

Values

Excellence: we establish and encourage high standards of science, policy and practice

Ethics: we are accountable and share a commitment to ethical professional practice

Engagement: we are actively engaged in our profession and advocate constructively for evidence-based environmental management



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What EIANZ does

Professional development

- **Conferences** for up to 400 delegates, training, webinars
- **Networking** in Divisions (in every state and territory as well as NZ)

Assurance for Govt and Industry

- **Certifying** practitioners for regulators and state and federal governments
 - Providing a mechanism to meet “suitably qualified persons” legislative requirements
 - Recognised by Australian and NZ governments, NSW and Tas Governments, and EPAs in NSW, South Australia and Tasmania
- **Accrediting** quality degrees in Environmental Management and Environmental Science (five courses across three universities, with several others coming online)

Thought leadership

- **Provide advice to policymakers** through advisory panels and submissions (EG invitation-only EPBC Act for DCCEEW)
 - We’ve distributed an Industry White Paper to brief GNPS delegates
- Peer-reviewed academic **journal** – Australasian Journal of Environmental Management

Supporting good practice

- **Collaboration** across disciplines (holistic view)
- **Mentoring** programs
- Industry **self-regulation** through the Code of Ethics and Professional Practice

EIANZ Special Interest Sections and Communities of Practice

- Climate Change
- Contaminated land
- Ecology
 - Biodiversity Offsets
 - The Australasian Network for Ecology and Transportation (ANET)
 - Nature Positive Cities





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- Environmental Accounting
- Heritage
- Impact Assessment
 - Strategic Environmental Assessment
 - Social Impact Assessment

EIANZ Geographical Representation

EIANZ has an Australian and a New Zealand Chapter, with Divisions in every Australian State and Territory (two in Queensland), and branches across both islands of New Zealand.