

Society of Australian Genealogists
Certificate in Genealogical Research

Regulations as at 14 December 2011

1. Purpose and Management

- 1.1 The Certificate in Genealogical Studies is awarded by the Council of the Society of Australian Genealogists (Society) in recognition of the proficiency of candidates in genealogical research.
- 1.2 The council has established a Diploma Committee (Committee) to assist it in the administration of the Certificate Course.
- 1.3 The Council may confer the Certificate on the successful candidates on the recommendation of the Committee.
- 1.4 The committee shall consist of a Convenor and such other members as the Council may appoint.
- 1.5 The Committee shall act as a board of examiners. It may appoint such additional examiners and assistants it thinks fit.
- 1.6 The committee has the authority to admit candidates, and to determine whether a candidate's performance is to a satisfactory standard.
- 1.7 The committee shall determine the date upon which a candidate is deemed to have commenced the programme and may fix the dates for submission for all course work. The committee may vary the dates of submission of specific work for an individual candidate.
- 1.8 The committee shall have the power to discontinue any candidate's candidature for any reason it considers proper.

2. Application for admission

Each candidate for the Certificate in Genealogical Research shall:

- 2.1 Be considered by the Committee for admission to the program between 1 January and 31 March in each year, or between such other dates as the Committee may determine.
- 2.2 Be a member of the Society prior to making application for admission as a candidate and retain membership up to and including the date upon which he or she is awarded the Certificate in Genealogical Research or withdraws from candidacy.
- 2.3 Pay to the Society the prescribed fee upon acceptance to the course. All fees paid to the Society are non-refundable and are GST inclusive.
- 2.4 Provide as part of their application for the course a statement of up to 300 words setting out their educational background, their reason for wishing to undertake the course and an indication of how they intend to make use of the skills and knowledge gained from undertaking the Certificate course.
- 2.5 Confirm in their application that they have been undertaking personal family history research for at least three years.
- 2.6 The Society may accept or reject the application to undertake the Certificate in Genealogical Research course and will not be required to give a reason for this decision.

3. Administration and Structure

- 3.1 The Committee will review the applications received by the closing date and will select up to 25 applicants who will be offered a place in the next program.

- 3.2 If accepted, the candidate will complete eight course components within eighteen months of admission according to a timetable set by the Committee.
- 3.3 These eight components will consist of written assignments, reviews, genealogical case studies and such other exercises as the Committee deems appropriate.
- 3.4 Each component of the Certificate Course will be marked with a numerical result so that the eight components make up a total of 100 points.
- 3.5 Candidates who complete all eight components and who score an aggregate total of 60 points or above will be awarded the Certificate in Genealogical Research.
- 3.6 Candidates who complete all eight components and who score an aggregate total of 75 or above will be awarded the Certificate in Genealogical Research and will be eligible to apply for admission to the Diploma in Family Historical Studies course under the Regulations in force at that time, should they choose to do so.
- 3.7 The Candidate will have the right to appeal against any decision of the Committee.
- 3.8 The Council or the Committee may, at their discretion, permit candidates to resubmit written material for re-examination.
- 3.9 The Council or the Committee may, at their discretion, readmit former candidates.
- 3.10 A candidate is deemed to have withdrawn from candidacy in the event that his or her annual membership fee is not paid within two (2) months of the date upon which it falls due.
- 3.11 The Council may reduce or waive any Course fees payable to the Society.
- 3.12 The Council may revoke the award of the Certificate in any circumstances it considers proper and shall not be obliged to give any reason.

4. Regulations

- 4.1 These regulations shall come into force on 14 December 2011 in relation to candidates admitted on or after that date.
- 4.2 The council may amend these regulations from time to time and the amended regulations shall thereafter apply to all candidates irrespective of the date of their admission to candidature.