

PGA OF AUSTRALIA

The background of the cover is a composite image. On the right, a golfer is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green field, silhouetted against a bright, low sun. The left side of the image is dominated by a large, dark green diagonal shape that contains faint, white contour lines, resembling a topographic map. The text is overlaid on this green shape.

PGA

Membership Pathway Program

MEMBERSHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The PGA Membership Pathway Program (MPP) is ideal for any golfers who have a passion for golf and a desire to translate that passion into a career in the golf industry as a Full Member (Vocational) of the PGA of Australia. On commencement of the program, successful candidates will be recognised as professional golfers and will work alongside a fully qualified PGA Member, receiving practical work experience via on-the-job training at approved golf facilities nationally.

Over three (3) years, the MPP will provide real skills in the workplace, in addition to undertaking a nationally accredited diploma level qualification in an area of interest to them. Studies in the Program are a combination of on-the-job training, face to face and virtual training schools, and online learning delivered over the calendar year. In addition to workplace and academic requirements, the MPP also requires regular participation in Professional Golf Tournaments to meet the PGA Playing Requirements.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DURATION	nominal 3 years
PGA CORE COMPETENCIES	38 modules
TRAINING SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (face to face and virtual)	18 days
WORKPLACE HOURS REQUIREMENT	Minimum 4,000 hours
PLAYING REQUIREMENT	The PGA Playing Requirements
NATIONALLY ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS (via specialisation stream)	Diploma level qualification

	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE
PGA CORE COMPETENCIES	20 modules	18 modules	-
TRAINING SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (face to face and virtual)	7 days	6 days	Up to 5 days depending on specialisation stream
WORKPLACE HOURS REQUIREMENT	Minimum 19 hours per week	Minimum 19 hours per week	Minimum 19 hours per week
PLAYING REQUIREMENT	The PGA Playing Requirements	The PGA Playing Requirements	The PGA Playing Requirements
NATIONALLY ACCREDITED QUALIFICATIONS (via specialisation stream)	-	-	Diploma level qualification

The above tables are based on a PGA Associate who is successfully completing each of the requirements they are enrolled in. Individual progression may differ from that outlined above.



JOB OUTCOMES:

A Full Member (Vocational) is an individual who has undertaken the MPP (previously known as the Trainee Program) and acquired the knowledge and expertise in all facets of the golf industry to gain membership to the PGA of Australia. In addition, only a Full Member (Vocational) can be recognised as a Professional Golf Coach in Australia. Employment opportunities for Full Members (Vocational) commonly include; but are not limited to:

- **Head Professional**
- **Golf Club General Manager**
- **Teaching Professional**
- **Tournament Professional**
- **High Performance Coach**
- **Golf Operations Manager**
- **Assistant Professional**
- **Development Officer**
- **Club Fitter**
- **Company Sales/
Technical Representative**



QUALIFICATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Upon successful completion of all elements of the PGA Membership Pathway Program graduates may receive the following:

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS

One of the following:

- SIS50321 Diploma of Sport*
- SIS50321 Diploma of Sport (Coaching)*
- SIS50321 Diploma of Sport (Golf Professional)*
- 10810NAT Diploma of Golf Management*

ACCREDITATIONS

- Professional Golf Coach Accreditation - under the Australian Sport Commission's National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (only achieved via Full Vocational Membership of the PGA of Australia)
- TrackMan Level 1 and Level 2* Professional
- R & A Level 1 rules

PGA PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Full Membership (Vocational)
– PGA of Australia



**Specific accreditations and qualifications will be based on the chosen specialisation stream by the PGA Associate within the MPP*



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To submit an application for the PGA Membership Pathway Program applicants must:

- a)** Be at least eighteen (18) years of age or have completed year 12 by 1 January of the commencing year
- b)** Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident with the ability to work a minimum of 19 hours per week unrestricted for the duration of the program
- c)** Provide at least one (1) letter of support (endorsement) from a Full Member (Vocational) of the PGA of Australia
- d)** Supply a 12 month handicap history (via golf link) or Professional Tour Playing History
- e)** Have a resume or CV with current academic and employment history

Whilst not compulsory, applicants will be viewed favourably if they have:

- a)** A Golf Australia handicap at the time of entry of three (3) or better for males and six (6) or better for females
- b)** Confirmed employment under a Full Member (Vocational) of the PGA of Australia at an approved facility
- c)** Two (2) or more additional letters of support (endorsement) from Full Members (Vocational) of the PGA of Australia

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the PGA Membership Pathway Program applicants will be required to:

- a)** Submit the application form by the nominated cut-off date
- b)** Attend an interview with representatives of the applicant's corresponding PGA State Division or the PGA Education Department and provide evidence in support of their application.
- c)** Undertake a two (2) round playing practical assessment

Applicants will be provided further detail about interviews and playing assessment rounds upon receipt of their application

PGA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

All individuals undertaking the PGA MPP are allocated PGA Associate Membership with the PGA of Australia. PGA Associates have access to a number of PGA Membership benefits including access to a range of PGA communications, events, programs, partner discounts and tournament access (subject to eligibility)

ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

Assessments are conducted in a flexible learning environment with online, practical and third-party methods included in the Program. The curriculum is designed to ensure graduates are well rounded in all facets of the golf industry. With studies in the areas of coaching, game development, management, small business, and playing, PGA Associates undertake a combination of nationally accredited and golf specific, industry training. The content within each subject area is designed specifically for PGA Associates working towards a career pathway in the golf industry as a Full Member (vocational) of the PGA of Australia.

During years 1 and 2 of the Program, PGA Associates will be undertaking the PGA core competencies which are directly linked to the five associated study areas of Coaching, Game Development, Small Business, Management and Playing.

These core competencies have been developed via industry consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders and are designed to provide all future PGA Members with the core skills for a successful career as a PGA Professional within the golf industry.

THE PGA PLAYING STANDARD

The PGA Playing standard must be achieved for eligibility for Full Membership (Vocational) with the PGA of Australia. The following PGA Playing Standard must be achieved within the designated playing period.

• **30 rounds at an adjusted average of 4.75 (males) over par or better**

• **30 rounds at an adjusted average of 6.75 (females) over par or better**

Following successful completion of the PGA Playing Standard, PGA Associates are required to participate in a minimum of 20 rounds within each year to meet their playing requirements of the MPP.

Reductions to the number of official rounds are available for those residing in remote locations.

PGA Associates who are performing to a high playing standard and are meeting all other program requirements will be granted access to a playing invite that will permit them to enter in PGA Tour Tournaments including prequalifying, Pro-Am Tournaments, Legends Tournaments and WPGA Tour events.

WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

PGA Associates in the program are required to complete a minimum of 4000 hours under a suitably qualified PGA Member in an approved industry role.

PGA Associates can undertake either full time or part time employment with a minimum of 19 hours per week required whilst enrolled in the Program.

The workplace component of the Program compliments the PGA core competencies and the specialist qualification by developing workplace-based skills under the guidance of a current and qualified PGA Member.



FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

The PGA recognises that everyone's journey to Full Vocational Membership isn't the same and that is why the MPP offers flexibility via part time academic and workplace options.

SPECIALISATION

Within the third year of the Program, PGA Associates have the opportunity to choose to specialise in one of five (5) specialisation areas based on their interests and careers aspirations. Each specialisation stream (outlined below) is linked to a Diploma level qualification delivered by the PGA of Australia's Registered Training Organisation, the PGA International Golf Institute (RTO #31270 CRICOS #02754G).

Regardless of the chosen specialisation stream, upon successful completion of the MPP each PGA Associate will be eligible for Full Membership (Vocational) with the PGA of Australia and full coaching rights as Professional Golf Coach.

SPECIALISATION STREAM

COACHING

JOB OUTCOMES:

High-Performance Coach, High-Performance Program Manager

QUALIFICATION:

SIS50321 Diploma of Sport (Coaching)

UNITS OF COMPETENCY:

[CLICK HERE](#)

PLAYING

JOB OUTCOME:

Tour Professional

QUALIFICATION:

SIS50321 Diploma of Sport

UNITS OF COMPETENCY:

[CLICK HERE](#)

GAME DEVELOPMENT

JOB OUTCOME:

Teaching Professional, Golf Development Officer, Membership Engagement Officer

QUALIFICATION:

SIS50321 Diploma of Sport (Golf Professional)

UNITS OF COMPETENCY:

[CLICK HERE](#)

SMALL BUSINESS

JOB OUTCOME:

Head Professional, Director of Golf, Golf Operations Manager, Assistant Professional

QUALIFICATION:

SIS50321 Diploma of Sport

UNITS OF COMPETENCY:

[CLICK HERE](#)

MANAGEMENT

JOB OUTCOME:

Golf Club General Manager, Golf Facility Owner, Golf Business Owner

QUALIFICATION:

1810NAT Diploma of Golf Management

UNITS OF COMPETENCY:

[CLICK HERE](#)

TUITION FEES

Approx. \$4,500 per year (full time option)

– please note that fees are set annually by the PGA of Australia Board and are therefore subject to change.

Additional costs associated with this program may include:

- a)** Level 1 Rules of Golf Certificate (approximately \$14)
- b)** Cost of entry into PGA Associate events (approximately \$33 per tournament)
- c)** Working With Children Check (cost varies State by State)
- d)** Travel and accommodation costs of attending PGA Associate events as required

RESOURCES REQUIRED

Outside of the resources supplied by the PGA of Australia PGA Associates will need to access the following to successfully complete their Program requirements:

- Computer or laptop
- Access to the internet
- Video camera or smart phone with video recording capabilities
- Printer
- Scanner

HOW TO ENROLL

Applications for the MPP are accepted online between 1st – 31st July each year.

Applicants will be required to request and submit an online application form between the designated application period.

\$250 non refundable application fee applies.

The MPP commences 1st January each year for successful applicants

MEMBERSHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM CREDITS AND ARTICULATION PATHWAYS

The PGA Membership Pathway Program offers several credit and articulation pathway options for applicants who have successfully met the requirements outlined below.

Eligibility for is only by successful completion of all program requirements including obtaining associated qualifications (statement of attainments will not result in credits being applied)

All pathway options are subject to change at any given time

PGA IGI PATHWAYS



Note: Diploma of Golf Management qualifications must have been completed within the last 5 years or candidates can demonstrate currency via industry employment

PGA GOLF PERFORMANCE PROGRAM PATHWAYS



Note: Graduates of the PGA Golf Performance Program who graduated prior to 2021 should contact the PGA Education Department to confirm pathway credits

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information about the Membership Pathway Program, our course credit or advanced entry options, please contact PGA Education Department on:

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