



Application Guide 1

CAAu & CVAu Credential Applications

AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu)
AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu)

The CAAu and CVAu credentials not only provide professional recognition, but also identify the leaders who actively influence trust and professional standards across the sector.

Part A ■ Welcome

A Recognised & Engaged Community

The Auctioneers and Valuers Association of Australia (AVAA) exists to support, represent, and advance the professionals who work across Australia's auctioneering and valuation sectors. At its core, AVAA is a member-driven organisation, shaped by the experience, insight, and commitment of those who choose to belong.

Membership of AVAA reflects a shared belief that professionalism matters, to clients, to regulators, and to the reputation of the sector as a whole. Through its activities, AVAA provides a collective voice for practitioners who value ethical conduct, sound judgement, and continuous improvement in professional practice. AVAA members are not passive recipients of services, they are active contributors to the direction and priorities of the Association.

AVAA membership combines recognised professional credentials with the opportunity to contribute to leadership within the profession. The AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAU) and AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAU) designations formally recognise professional standing, while membership provides a platform to help shape standards, support advocacy, and strengthen trust in the auctioneering and valuation sectors nationally.

Equally important is the community that membership creates. AVAA brings together professionals from across disciplines, regions, and market segments who are committed to sharing knowledge, learning from one another, and strengthening the standing of the profession collectively. Through engagement, dialogue, and collaboration, members contribute to a culture that values expertise, accountability, and respect.

AVAA also acts as a representative body, advocating on behalf of members in discussions with parliament, regulators, and related organisations. This advocacy is grounded in real-world professional experience and informed by member input, ensuring that the sector's perspectives are understood and respected.

Importantly, AVAA's priorities, programs, and advocacy agenda are shaped by its members. By joining, you help guide our focus, influence AVAA's voice, and contribute to initiatives that reflect the realities of professional practice today, and what you'd like it to look like in the future.

This guide outlines what AVAA membership means, how it supports your professional journey, and the ways members shape the Association's work. Whether you are early in your career or highly experienced, AVAA membership is about belonging to a profession that chooses to lead, together.

AVAA Membership – It's a great time to get involved!

Tim Slattery CAAU
AVAA National President

Troy Williams FIML MAICD
AVAA Chief Executive



Left ■ AVAA National President, Tim Slattery CAAU
Right ■ AVAA Chief Executive, Troy Williams FIML MAICD

“ AVAA membership gives you access to recognised credentials, the ability to participate in a respected professional community, and a collective voice shaping the future and standing of the auctioneering and valuation professions. ”

Part B ■ Recognition

CAAu & CVAu Professional Credentials



The AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu) and AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu) credentials sit at the heart of AVAA's commitment to promoting professionalism, and to supporting your professional journey. These credentials recognise practitioners who have demonstrated capability, integrity, and a commitment to standards that go beyond experience alone.

Holding the CAAu or CVAu credential (and some professionals hold both) is a deeply personal recognition. It acknowledges your professional judgement, ethical conduct, and willingness to be accountable to your peers and the broader profession. These credentials recognise not just what you do, but how you do it, with care, rigour, and respect for clients, colleagues, and the market you serve.

The CAAu and CVAu credentials gives you practical ways to visibly express your professional standing. By using your post-nominals, official member logos, and verified digital badges, you can clearly signal your credentials across business materials, digital platforms, and professional networks. These tools help clients and stakeholders quickly recognise verified expertise and build confidence in your advice and services.

AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu)

The CAAu credential recognises you as an auctioneer who meets AVAA's professional, ethical, and practice standards, signalling trusted competence and accountability to clients, peers, and regulators.

AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu)

The CVAu credential recognises you as a valuer who demonstrates professional capability, sound judgement, and adherence to recognised standards, supporting confidence in your valuation advice.

AVAA Associate Membership

This membership pathway is for those working towards CAAu or CVAu certification as they gain experience. It is also suitable for those in allied professions (e.g. law, accounting).

When you actively use your credentials, the impact extends beyond your own practice. Collectively, each person with the CAAu and CVAu credentials contribute to a shared, recognisable standard that strengthens trust in the auctioneering and valuation professions as a whole. Together, you and your peers help demonstrate that the profession is modern, accountable, and committed to high standards. That's the real power of AVAA membership.

Getting involved with AVAA is a great sign of your career achievements and your contribution to something larger. By aspiring to, achieving, and proudly using and promoting the CAAu or CVAu credentials, you help lift the standing of your colleagues, strengthen professional identity, and shape the future of the profession you are part of.



“ The CAAu and CVAu credentials recognise professionalism beyond experience alone, affirming integrity, accountability, and shared standards that elevate your career while strengthening trust in the profession. ”



Part C ■ Community

Become Engaged, Informed & Influential

As an AVAA member, you'll be part of a connected professional community that values open exchange and practical insight. You can share information, perspectives, and your experience with peers across the sector, helping you stay informed while contributing to a collective understanding of professional practice.

Membership gives you opportunities to engage in ways that suit your interests and experience. Whether through conversations, working groups, committees, or events, you can take part in shaping discussions that matter to the profession. This involvement allows you to contribute meaningfully while learning from others who face similar challenges and opportunities.

AVAA membership creates clear and respected pathways for professional leadership. By contributing expertise, supporting initiatives, and participating in committees, working groups, and professional activities, members help guide the profession's development and are recognised by peers for their commitment to excellence, integrity, and professional responsibility.

Networking Opportunities

Build genuine professional connections with auctioneers, valuers, and allied professionals nationwide through forums, committees, and events designed for thoughtful exchange and collaboration.

Professional Development Opportunities

Engage in relevant learning through courses, briefings, and events such as the AVC26 Conference supporting your professional growth and keeping your skills current and connected to practice.

Advocacy & Government Engagement

Have your professional perspective represented at a parliamentary level through advocacy led by AVAA staff with government affairs expertise, informed by real member experience and sector insight.

When you meet and work alongside other members, you help raise the visibility and standing of professionalism across the auctioneering and valuation sectors. Collective engagement reinforces shared standards and demonstrates that the profession is thoughtful, accountable, and committed to continuous improvement.

Because AVAA is member-driven, its priorities and advocacy reflect the collective judgement and experience of professionals across the sector. Membership enables practitioners to influence the Association's focus, contribute to meaningful dialogue, and work collaboratively with peers to strengthen professional standing and trust across the auctioneering and valuation professions.

Established professionals play a vital role in sustaining the strength, credibility, and future of the profession. Getting involved once you've obtained the CAAU or CVAU credential provides an opportunity to contribute experience, insight, and leadership in ways that extend beyond individual practice, supporting emerging professionals, informing standards, and shaping how the profession is recognised by clients, regulators, and the wider community.



“ If you're an established professional, AVAA membership is more than recognition. It's about influence, leadership, and shaping the future of the sector by getting involved and working with others that share your passion and commitment to excellence. ”

Part D ■ CAAu Eligibility

Becoming A Certified Auctioneer



The AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu) credential allows you to demonstrate competence, integrity, and trust, elevating your professional standing within the industry. This valued credential connects auctioneers to a respected community, enhances credibility with clients, and ensures alignment with recognised standards, fostering excellence and confidence across the profession.

The criteria to be awarded the CAAu credential requires auctioneers to demonstrate experience, professionalism, and ethical practice. Meeting these requirements provides independent verification of your standing, offering clients and peers assurance in your expertise. This makes certification a powerful symbol of trust, credibility, and commitment to best practice.



CAAu Credential Eligibility Criteria —

1. Must conduct an auction sale at least once a year. The AVAA Board may grant exemption here in extenuating circumstances.
2. Must be working as an auctioneer at the time of application for the CAAu credential.
3. Must have worked as an auctioneer for at least two years prior to the time of application for CAAu credential or provide evidence as to their competence, experience, good character and suitability.
4. If the auctioneer conducts auctions and receives money on behalf of a person / business / company:
 - a. If acting as a Sole Trader, the auctioneer must maintain a trust account and must provide AVAA with a certificate from a registered company auditor within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* concerning the appropriate operation the trust account; or
 - b. If in the employment of a non-corporate member, the company by whom the Auctioneer is employed must provide AVAA with a certificate from a registered company auditor within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* concerning the appropriate operation the trust account.
7. Must, prior to carrying out auctions, not act in such capacity until evidence of professional indemnity insurance has been submitted.
8. Must satisfy AVAA as to their competence as an auctioneer and as to their good character.

“ The CAAu credential strengthens standing for emerging auctioneers and recognises seasoned professionals, independently verifying experience, ethics, and competence while reinforcing trust, accountability, and professionalism across the auctioneering sector. ”



For emerging auctioneers, the CAAu credential is a clear way to strengthen professional standing early. Meeting the eligibility criteria provides independent verification of experience, ethical practice, and competence, giving clients and peers confidence that your work meets recognised professional standards.

If you're an established professional, the CAAu remains a credential worth aspiring to hold. It is not about proving experience, but formally recognising it, demonstrating continued commitment to professionalism, accountability, and best practice, and helping lift confidence and trust in the auctioneering profession as a whole.

Part E ■ CVAu Eligibility

Becoming A Certified Valuer



The AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu) credential is a mark of professional distinction. It recognises proven expertise, sound professional judgement, and ethical practice, reinforcing your reputation as a trusted authority in valuation.

The requirements to achieve the CVAu credential are intentionally rigorous, ensuring certified valuers demonstrate experience, competence, and integrity. Meeting these standards provides independent recognition of your professional capability, offering clients, peers, and stakeholders confidence in your work and endorsing your commitment to the highest standards of valuation practice.



CVAu Credential Eligibility Criteria —

1. Must conduct valuations on a regular basis. The AVAA Board may grant exemption here in extenuating circumstances.
2. Must be working as a valuer of goods at the time of application for membership.
3. Must have worked as a valuer of goods for at least five years prior to the time of application for membership or satisfy the AVAA Board as to their competence, experience and suitability for membership.
4. Must not act in such capacity of valuer until evidence of coverage by professional indemnity insurance has been submitted.
5. Must satisfy the AVAA Board as to their competence as a valuer of goods and as to their good character.
6. Provide a declaration that they will meet the requirements set out in the AVAA *Professional Standards*.

As part of the application process, there are some additional information that you'll be asked for and need to consider.

Application Supporting Evidence —

1. You will be asked to attach copies of two recent valuations that you've undertaken that meet the AVAA *Professional Standard 6: Minimum Valuation Report Standard* which can be downloaded via the website or by contacting the AVAA Membership Team.
2. New CVAu credential applications are carefully reviewed to uphold our high standards. Applicants may be asked to complete the AVAA *Fundamentals of Valuing Goods And Chattels, Plant and Equipment Course*, based on the applicant's level of experience.

For valuers building their careers, the CVAu credential provides a respected way to establish credibility and demonstrate professional judgement from the outset. Achieving certification confirms that your valuation work aligns with recognised standards, ethical practice, and sound methodology, giving clients and stakeholders confidence in your advice.

Experience valuers appreciate the AVAA credential as it formally acknowledges professional standing and ongoing responsibility to the profession. It signals continued commitment to rigour, independence, and best practice, while strengthening confidence and trust in valuation as a profession overall.

“ The CVAu credential is an aspirational mark for experienced valuers, formally recognising professional judgement, integrity, and leadership, while reinforcing your standing as a trusted authority within the valuation profession. ”



Part F ■ Membership Fees

Investing In Your Professionalism

The membership fees are a direct investment in your professional standing that supports the promotion of the AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu) and AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu) credentials. They also serve to strengthen an active, national community of professionals who choose to lead the sector through excellence.

AVAA membership runs on a calendar-year basis, with renewals due on 1 January each year. Applications received during the year are pro-rated. For memberships approved between October and December, fees are applied through to the end of the following year. A one-off application fee applies to all new members, in addition to the membership fee once approved.



2026 AVAA Fees For Individuals

AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu)	\$675 (GST Excl)
AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu)	\$675 (GST Excl)
AVAA Certified Auctioneer & Valuer (CAAu & CVAu)	\$895 (GST Excl)
AVAA Associate Member	\$475 (GST Excl)
Application Fee (Once Off)	\$375 (GST Excl)

Professionals recognised with the of designation AVAA Fellow (CFAAu & CFAu) contribute an additional certification fee of \$265 (GST excluded), reflecting the distinction, professional recognition, and standing associated with this honour.

A one-off, non-refundable application fee applies to new members and supports the careful and consistent assessment of applications, helping maintain the integrity and credibility of AVAA membership.

In addition to paying the membership fee, members are required to meet the obligations set out in the *AVAA Professional Standards* which are available from the AVAA Website for review.

Membership fees are set and periodically reviewed by the AVAA Board to ensure the Association remains sustainable, responsive, and able to continue serving members and the broader profession

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Take The Next Step

Apply for the CAAu or CVAu credential at:
www.avaa.com.au/application



The Auctioneers and Valuers Association of Australia (AVAA) is a member-led national professional association representing auctioneers and valuers working across fine art, antiques, collectables, goods, vehicles, plant and equipment.

AVAA exists to support the professionals in the sector, those who build trust with clients, exercise independent expert judgement, and uphold high ethical and professional standards every day.

Our Vision

A profession where auctioneers and valuers are recognised, respected, and trusted for their expertise, integrity, and professionalism, with members proudly identified through the AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu) and AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu) credentials.

Our Mission

To advance the careers and standing of professionals holding the CAAu and CVAu credentials by setting clear professional and ethical standards, delivering quality education, and being an effective voice for the auction and valuation sectors in a changing market.

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