

What Does ATFA Accreditation Mean to the Consumer?

ATFA has an **accreditation system which reflects the credentials of each member**. This is based on a number of elements including ongoing professional development, product and equipment knowledge, industry experience, ATFA training, industry events and qualifications.

The accreditation system is a points based system where members must demonstrate their points for any given level to retain or increase it annually. Industry experience and recognised Government qualifications will retain their status annually, however, members must further demonstrate their participation in industry based training and events.

The levels are available to both active contractors and industry partners – this is clearly distinguished on each members **'member card'**, which also clearly identifies their accreditation level.

Members who have level 1 displayed by their name in the **'Find a Member'** section of the **ATFA website** more often than not have not yet completed the accreditation documentation, they may well be a very accomplished operator. However, you can expect that operators with accreditation at level 4 and above have both considerable experience and maintain a reasonable level of ongoing professional development.

The tables below further detail how members can achieve points and the levels which they relate to.

A sample member card:

Timber Flooring Contractor Card	Member Level Level 1 Standard Member Level 2 Skilled Operator Level 3 Expert Operator Level 4 Craftsman Level 5 Master Craftsman Level 6 Industry Ambassador Level 7 Vanguard Fellow Honoured Member
A Member A Flooring Company	Valid to 06/2008 Member No: 555

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The varying levels of accreditation are:



MEMBER ACCREDITATION LEVELS

Membership Level	Points Required	Contractor (Installer, Sander and Finisher)	Industry Partner (Manufacturer, Distributor or Supplier of timber, coatings, adhesives, fixings, fillers or equipment)	Floor Inspector	Trainer/ Assessor
		Applies to sole traders or individuals within companies	Applies to individuals within companies	Applies to individuals	
Level 1		A member of the ATFA prior to being assessed for higher levels			
Level 2 Criteria	30 points	Skilled Operator	Skilled Agent	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Level 3 Criteria	60 points	Expert Operator	Professional Agent	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Level 4 Criteria	90 points	Craftsman (this level necessary to attain licence class status, floor inspector and trainer/assessor)	Professional Advocate	Floor Inspector	Trainer/ Assessor (Certificate IV)
Level 5 Criteria	120 points	Master Craftsman	Master Advocate	Advanced Floor Inspector	Trainer/ Assessor (Diploma)
Level 6 Criteria	150 points	Industry Ambassador			
Level 7 Criteria	200 points	Vanguard			
Fellow of the ATFA	Granted by the ATFA Board to individuals who have demonstrated exemplarily service to the ATFA				
Honoured Member of the ATFA	Granted by the ATFA Board to individuals in special recognition of service to the ATFA beyond expectations – receives free membership				
Life Member	As discerned by the ATFA Board – receives free membership				

The methods by which members can achieve points:

Activity	Value	Points Calculator	Activity	Value	Points Calculator
• Personal research (flooring magazine subscriptions)	1 point		• Certificate 1 Flooring qualification	20	
• Attendance at Flooring industry presentations	2 points		• Relevant Certificate II qualification	40	
• Attendance at Flooring demonstrations	2 points		• Relevant Certificate III qualification	80	
• Flooring industry product launches	2 points		• Relevant Certificate IV qualification	40	
• Flooring relevant industry trade nights	2 points		• Relevant Diploma qualification	40	
• ½ day workshop, seminar or training session	4 points		• Relevant Advanced Diploma qualification	40	
• 1 day workshop, seminar or training session	8 points		• Certificate IV Workplace Trainer & Assessor	20	
• 2 day workshop, seminar or training session	12 points		• Individual units of competency (without qualification, per unit)	2	
• Flooring expo or trade show 1 day within State	4 points		• Successful completion of a mediation/arbitration course	20	
• Flooring expo or trade show 1 day interstate	8 points		• Successful completion of the ATFA Floor Inspector Course	20	
• Overseas trade show	12 points		• Relevant University studies or the qualification	20	
• Machinery and or product show	4 points		• ATFA meetings (Board members excluded)	3	
• Flooring related conference (at least 1 day)	10 points		• On an ATFA Standing Committee	20	
• Sign up a new member (per member)	2 points		• On the ATFA Board	35	
• Employ a trainee or apprentice	10 points		• ATFA Accreditation Modules (each)	10	
• A Relevant Timber Flooring License	20 points		• Other: _____		
• Industry experience (per year - proof required)	2 points		• Other: _____		
Total Points					=