Allied Field membership of ALIA has been broadened

ibrary and information services are increasingly seeking a more diverse workforce by employing professionals from different backgrounds. New skills and converging work criteria have resulted in the employment of professionals whose qualifications are based in allied fields. The evolving Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums and Records (GLAMR) convergence means that areas traditionally agreed to as library and information science-allied fields - such as records management, archives, and some areas of IT – have now expanded to include data and knowledge management, museum studies, early literacy and media studies, etc.

With this in mind, the Board has agreed to expand ALIA Allied Field membership.

Applicants not eligible for ALIA professional Associate or Library Technician membership but employed in a library or information service will be eligible to apply for ALIA professional Allied Field membership, providing they hold the qualification of an equivalent level to an ALIA accredited qualification.

The qualification must be TEQSA or ASQA recognised and less than 10 years old. Applicants will be required to complete an individual application form supported by an employer referee. (Existing ALIA Allied Field members do not need to re-apply).

Allied Field Members will now be able to access the ALIA PD Scheme and be eligible to earn and upgrade to ALIA Certified Professional Allied Field status with the postnominals ALIA Allied Field (CP).

Please note that Allied Field membership does not fulfil the requirements of job advertisements seeking professional Associate or Library Technician membership of ALIA.

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