

Media release**IPEd forum promotes editors' accreditation****Accreditation makes the difference between a social network of editors and a professional editing institute.**

That's why the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd) is giving editors an opportunity to become accredited in 2020.

An accreditation exam is scheduled for August and IPEd is hosting a free forum on Sunday 15 March to explain why IPEd has an accreditation scheme, what accreditation means, how the scheme is run, and what it involves.

Dr Linda Nix AE, chair of IPEd's Accreditation Board, says accreditation is about more than just passing an exam.

"It's about demonstrating ongoing professional development and commitment to the profession of editing.

"For employers and clients, the IPEd accreditation scheme provides confidence that an accredited editor can competently apply the standards set out in *Australian standards for editing practice*, is engaged in the wider profession, and is committed to keeping their skills and knowledge up to date through ongoing professional development," Dr Nix said.

The free one-hour forum, hosted via Zoom meetings, is an opportunity to hear about accreditation for editors, meet the Accreditation Board and ask questions.

The forum will help editors decide whether they want to sit the 15 August exam.

Dr Nix says accreditation is why IPEd exists. When state and territory societies of editors combined to form IPEd more than 10 years ago, a key goal was developing an accreditation program.

"Professional organisations document the standards that apply in the profession and assess practitioners against those standards. In IPEd's case, an IPEd working party collaboratively developed *Australian standards for editing practice*, in consultation with editors around Australia, and the IPEd accreditation scheme assesses editors against those standards," Dr Nix said.

The benefits of accreditation for editors include:

- Recognition and certification of skills as a professional editor
- Peer validation of competence in applying the Standards
- The right to use the words 'IPEd Accredited Editor' in professional profiles, résumés and marketing material, along with the IPEd member logo
- The right to use the postnominal AE as an IPEd-accredited editor

- The opportunity to be included in the search field for ‘Accredited Editors’, if an editor is listed in IPEd’s Editors Directory.

Dr Nix said the Accreditation Board recommended editors have at least three years’ full-time experience or equivalent before sitting the exam. “This is because it’s about demonstrating professional practice competencies that you only gain through experience, that you can’t just learn in a one-off course,” she said.

To book for the 15 March forum, go to Events at www.iped-editors.org.

Read more about the accreditation scheme [here](#).

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