

NEW MEMBERS GUIDE



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Singapore
Charter Chapter

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Coach,

As you start on your journey to becoming a coach, practitioner, business builder or may just be considering to becoming a coach you may have many questions along the way.

Questions such as should I become a coach, how do I get credentialed, what is ICF, why should I join ICF, how can I join ICF and many more.

This guide is aimed at answering some of the common frequently asked questions and to welcome you to ICF.

Look forward to connecting again with you soon!

Best Wishes,

(e-signature)

Jasveer Malaney, PCC

ICF Singapore, President

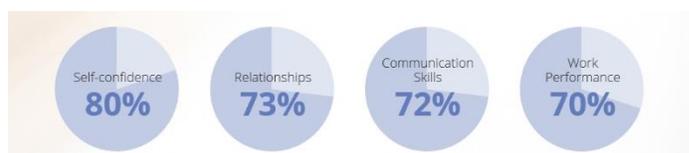


Coaching as a Profession

The [International Coach Federation \(ICF\)](#) defines coaching as partnering with clients in a thought-provoking and creative process that inspires them to maximize their personal and professional potential.

Coaching often is a life-changing experience that dramatically improves their outlook on work and life while improving leadership skills. Coaching helps people tap into their potential, unlocking sources of creativity and productivity. Please refer [Benefits of Using a Coach](#).

Individuals who partner with coaches have reported several benefits, including improved:



2009 ICF Global Coaching Client Study

Where to Get Trained

ICF does not provide coach-specific training and as the accrediting body, we cannot recommend any specific training programs. To support you in making the choices, please visit [Training Program Search Service \(TPSS\)](#) on ICF Global website.

How to get Credentialed

ICF offers three credentials:

- [the Associate Certified Coach \(ACC\)](#)
- [the Professional Certified Coach \(PCC\)](#)
- [the Master Certified Coach \(MCC\)](#)

For complete comprehensive guide on benefits of getting credentialed and how to gain your credentials please see [Individual Credentialing](#) link on the ICF Global website.

Becoming an ICF Member

The International Coach Federation is the world's largest organisation of professionally trained coaches.

As an ICF Member, you will enjoy instant credibility by identifying yourself as part of the world's largest community of professionally trained coaches. You'll also have access to local and global networking opportunities, cutting-edge business development and marketing education, and a variety of research and resources to help you become the best coach you can be.

For further information see the [ICF Fact Sheet](#).

To become a member of ICF, you need to meet one of the following criteria:

1. Hold a current ICF Credential (ACC, PCC or MCC)
2. Have completed at least 60 hours of coach-specific training that meets ICF standards
3. Be enrolled in 60 hours of coach-specific training in an ICF-approved program that has either the Accredited Coach Training Program (ACTP) or Approved Coach Specific Training Hours (ACSTH) distinction.

[Click here](#) for more information on Membership Eligibility Requirements.

If you meet the criteria, then complete the [2016-2017 ICF Membership Application \(Singapore\)](#) to sign up for membership. One year membership costs \$245 USD, and this fee is pro-rated for those joining middle of the year.

How to Switch Your Membership

If you are a member of ICF and have recently moved to Singapore, you may be considering to join the Singapore Chapter. **Switching over** to Singapore Chapter is easy through the ICF Global website. [Login](#) and access:

Members > My account > Edit contact information > Chapter selection > Click here to change your chapter

Please contact membership@icfsingapore.org if you need any further assistance.

How to Renew Your Membership

ICF Membership indicates your commitment to the profession and to your clients. But equally important—it is simply an investment in yourself. Login to [renew online](#) now.

For further information on why you should renew and how to renew please see [Renew Membership](#) at ICF Global website.

Benefits of Becoming an ICF Member

Please visit ICF Global to learn about [Member Benefits](#) at a Global level, which contains a whole host of valuable information and [Members Toolkit](#) which contains:

- The latest [New Member Guide](#) with information on how to create your profile, participate in Global Reciprocal Coaching Program and make the most of your membership
- ICF Flyers, Global Logos, and Core Competencies
- ICF PowerPoint and Press Release templates
- Sample client testimony release form and coaching contract
- Numerous other resources

In addition to enjoying the benefits at a Global level, the ICF Singapore Chapter offers the following benefits:

Social Media: You gain access to the ICF Singapore Chapter's [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) groups. Follow us on Twitter, Google+, and our Blog to get connected, find updates, share news, and communicate with like-minded professionals.

Monthly Events and Community of Practitioners: Gain access to [ICF Singapore Events](#) to network and learn from accomplished Speakers and fellow coaches. Participate in Peer Coaching, various Community of Practice or Recorded Coaching Competency Demonstration Sessions held once a month. You benefit from joining these events at discounted fees as well as receiving ICF CCE units for your participation, if applicable.

Newsletter: Sign up for ICF Singapore bi-monthly [newsletter](#) to receive updates on current happenings straight to your inbox. This is an opportunity to also advertise your own products, as it is emailed to the members as well as a large list of subscribers.

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Members Orientation: You get an opportunity to know all about coaching and support as a coach. Held quarterly it is an opportunity to network with new members starting out and to meet the members of the Executive Committee. Email membership@icfsingapore.org to join the next Members Orientation.

Reciprocal Coaching: You gain access to a global pool of coaches and to be coached at a nominal fee. Offered as an online program, coaches can benefit from clocking in coaching hours towards their credentials.

Pro Bono Coaching: You can be part of the initiative to give back to the community by joining our volunteer coaches as we coach the nonprofit sectors, to promote coaching awareness and support to these leaders.

Coaching Science and Research: Get involved to participate and contribute to the Coaching Science and Research committee which does research relevant to the Coaching Industry and Profession.

Reading Club: A new initiative recently launched by a group of volunteers that focuses on Coaching Literature and Reading. Reviews of interesting coaching articles are published in the bi-monthly newsletters and trends in coaching literature are presented in February Members Meeting each year.

International Coaching Week: Held annually in the month of May, you gain participation to activities to promote coaching and events to engage the community, corporates, HR professionals, coaches, coaching schools, providers of supporting tools, like assessment tools, etc.

Coaching Conferences: You get the opportunity to meet and learn from leading experts and network with other coaches, coaching clients from the region and the world. As a member, you get a discount and, by attending the Coaching Conference, and also earn ICF CCE units.

Visit Chapter all over the Globe: You get to enjoy the members benefits when you attend the events for any of the ICF Chapter of the country you may be visiting.

How to Renew Your Credentials

ICF maintains high standards for professional coaches worldwide, and requires ICF Credentials to be renewed every three years and it demonstrates your commitment to maintaining professional standards.

For a complete guide on how to renew your ICF Credential please see [Renew Credential](#) page of ICF Global website.

Following are the requirements for renewing your credential:

- Participation in at least 40 hours of [Continuing Coach Education \(CCE\)](#) completed in the three years since the initial award of your credential or since your last credential renewal, with at least 24 hours in [Core Competencies](#).
- At least three (3) Continuing Coach Education (CCE) units in the area of coaching ethics. This applies to all coaches whose ICF Credential expire on or after December 31, 2016.
- You may gain these by completing the [Ethics CCE Course](#) provided by ICF.
- **For ACC renewals only**, an additional [10 hours of Mentor Coaching](#) above those hours required for your initial credential, completed in the three years since the initial award of your credential or since your last credential renewal. This requirement is intended to promote your continued growth as a coach and help move you to the next credential level.