

MTAAI and FTAAI Accreditation: Guidance notes

The information required for most of the fields on the application form is self-evident.

Guidance is offered for the following fields:

Nationality and Country of Permanent Residence

This information is requested for statistical purposes so that TAA International can track the geographical profile of applicants. Nationality(ies) should be as stated in your passport.

Profession or Occupation

Applicants may have several occupations throughout their career. An example would be someone who has worked as a soil surveyor but has worked for most of their career as a government adviser on natural resources. They should self-define the profession or occupation that they regard as most important. The list below is not comprehensive but will be further developed by specified inputs in the 'other' box.

Some examples are:

Agri-business manager	Farmer (crop)
Agricultural economist	Farmer (livestock)
Agricultural engineer	Farmer (mixed)
Agro-forestry specialist	Forester
Agronomist	Horticulturalist
Communications specialist	Livestock production specialist
Computer scientist / Database manager	Macro-Economist
Conservation specialist	Natural resource scientist
Crop physiologist	Plant breeder
Ecologist	Plant pathologist
Economist	Project manager
Environmental impact specialist	Soil scientist
Environmental scientist	Vet
Farm economist	Water engineer
Farm manager	Other (state)

Number of Years of Relevant Experience

Record the number of years carrying out work that is broadly consistent with at least two of TAA International's [core values](#). This is a cumulative period in cases where applicants have had career breaks or worked outside the field.

Synopsis of Relevant Experience

Free text based on what you feel is most important, using TAA International [core values](#) as a contextual frame.

Academic Qualifications

Note that academic qualifications are not mandatory for accreditation if applicants have requisite periods of relevant experience (10 years for MTAAI or 20 years for FTAAI).

A maximum of two academic qualifications can be specified (including diploma, first degree, higher degree). Note that not all academic qualifications need to be directly related to agriculture or to your subsequent career.

Major Career Achievements

This field is mandatory for applicants for FTAAI accreditation. It is not required for MTAAI applicants.

Describe your significant career achievement(s), meaning the successful design/formulation, implementation, management, creation or general delivery of a project, programme, service, product, policy, organisation, movement or initiative in agriculture (or an activity closely related to agriculture), particularly tropical and sub-tropical agriculture in developing countries, that is or was clearly consistent with two or more of TAA International's five [core values](#).

Examples of career achievements (all in the context of sustainable agriculture in its broadest sense, and in support of our [core values](#)) are listed below. The list is not comprehensive and applicants should state the achievements that they believe are most relevant in the context of their own career development.

If basing an example on one from the following table, applicants need to specify by name the item concerned (i.e. the project, conference, paper, business etc) to which they have made a major contribution.

Scientists, Researchers	Economists, Social scientists	Policy makers	Managers, NGOs	Entrepreneurs, Business people	Consultants	Academics	Farmers
Project or programme lead	Project or programme lead	Contribution to Important policies	Project or programme lead	Establishment of successful company/business	Project or programme lead	Important papers or reports	Establishment of successful farm or business
Important papers or reports	Important papers or reports	Important papers or reports	Delivery of successful outcomes	Delivery of successful outcomes	Important papers, manuals or reports	Important conferences	Introduction of new technique, approach or practice
Important conferences	Important conferences	Important conferences		Development of new product or service	Delivery of successful outcomes	Institutional management	Long-term successful management of farm
Institutional management	Institutional management	Institutional management				Journal editing	Successful improvement of condition of land
Journal editing	Journal editing	Journal editing				Important review teams	Leader of farmers' group
Important review teams	Important review teams	Important review teams				Supervision of higher degree students	

Adherence to TAA International Core Values

Applicants should read the statement of TAA International [core values](#) and tick the box before submitting the application.

Referees

Applicants should provide the i) name; ii) position; iii) institution and iv) contact details of two referees. Referees will not be routinely contacted.

Declaration

All applicants are required to agree to the following declaration:

The applicant hereby declares that all the information provided is accurate. TAAI reserves the right to verify the information (including academic qualifications), and accreditation can be withdrawn if subsequently shown to be based on false information.