



## Credibility and reassurance

Further details can be found on the website of each accrediting body:

**International Coaching Federation (ICF)**  
[www.coachingfederation.org](http://www.coachingfederation.org)

**EMCC Global**  
[www.emccglobal.org](http://www.emccglobal.org)

**Association for Coaching (AC)**  
[www.associationforcoaching.com](http://www.associationforcoaching.com)

**Association for Professional Executive Coaching and Supervision (APECS)**  
[www.apecs.org](http://www.apecs.org)

# Coach Accreditation

## A guide to accrediting bodies

Accreditation is increasingly sought after in the coaching industry – particularly from departments responsible for coaching procurement. With no formal regulation in the industry, there is a need for coaches to demonstrate credibility and provide reassurance. Accreditation provides this.

### Types of accreditation

There are two types of accreditation in the coaching profession: accreditation of programmes and accreditation of coaches.

Our Diploma programmes are accredited with the International Coaching Federation (ICF), EMCC Global, and the Association for Coaching (AC).

To become an accredited coach, you will need to apply individually to your chosen professional body. On graduating from one of our Diploma programmes, further work including coaching practice is required to gain coach accreditation. However, having graduated from an accredited programme the process is much simpler. We, the AoEC, also offer coach accreditation to our graduates.

### AoEC Accreditation

As a graduate of one of our Diploma programmes, we will have got to know you as a coach, your growing edges and your professional goals. You will know how we work, our commitment to excellence and our desire to support our participants in their professional success.

We want to continue to build on this partnership by offering free individual AoEC accreditation to you for one year, provided the following requirements are met:

- evidence of Professional Indemnity Insurance (not required for internal coaches)
- agreement to abide by the [AoEC Code of Practice](#)



## International Coaching Federation (ICF)

US-based global accrediting body

The ICF is the leading global organisation for coaches and coaching. It is dedicated to advancing the coaching profession by setting high standards, providing independent certification and building a worldwide network of trained coaching professionals.'

The ICF has three levels of coach credentialing:

1. ACC (Associate Certified Coach)
2. PCC (Professional Certified Coach)
3. MCC (Master Certified Coach)

The AoEC is recognised by the ICF as a **Level 1** and **Level 2 Accredited Coaching Education Provider** and an **Advanced Accredited Team Coaching (AATC) Education Provider**.

Having graduated from one of our Diploma programmes, the following training requirements will have been fulfilled:

- **Practitioner Diploma - Level 1**, designated as **ACC Accredited Education**. Cohorts commencing prior to 2023 completed 60 Accredited Coach Specific Training Hours (ACSTH)
- **Professional Practitioner Diploma - Level 2**, designated as **PCC Accredited Education**
- **Master Practitioner Diploma - Level 2**, designated as **PCC Accredited Education**
- **Systemic Team Coaching Practitioner Diploma - AATC**, pathway to **Advanced Certification in Team Coaching (ACTC)**



## Association for Coaching (AC)

UK-based global accrediting body

The AC is a leading independent, not-for-profit, professional body, dedicated to promoting best practices and raising awareness of standards of coaching worldwide.'

The AC has four levels of coach accreditation:

1. Foundation Executive Coach
2. Executive Coach
3. Professional Executive Coach
4. Master Executive Coach

Our **Practitioner Diploma** holds **Accredited Award in Coach Training** status with the AC.

Having graduated from our **Practitioner Diploma**, the training requirements will have been fulfilled for up to and including **Professional Executive Coach**.



## EMCC Global

Europe-based global accrediting body

EMCC Global exists to develop, promote, and set the expectation of best practice in mentoring, coaching, and supervision globally for the benefit of society. Our vision is to be the 'go to' body in mentoring, coaching, and supervision.'

EMCC Global has four levels of coach accreditation:

1. Foundation
2. Practitioner
3. Senior Practitioner
4. Master Practitioner

Our **Practitioner Diploma** holds the **EMCC Global Quality Award (EQA)** at **Practitioner** level.

Having graduated from our **Practitioner Diploma**, the training requirements will have been fulfilled for **EMCC Global Individual Accreditation (EIA)** at **Practitioner** level.

Our **Practitioner Diploma** graduates are EQA holders and recommended to EMCC Global for **EIA (Practitioner)**.



## Association for Professional Executive Coaching and Supervision (APECS)

UK-based accrediting body

'APECS is the top level professional membership body for executive coaching, supervision, and advisory services to corporate organisations. It exists to ensure that in a complex world, executives and their organisations are able to benefit from executive coaching and supervision to deliver ethical and sustainable development globally.'

Our training programmes and training hours will count towards accreditation with APECS.

**This is not an exhaustive list of professional coaching bodies.**