**Balint Society of Australia and New Zealand**

**Requirements for Leader Trainer Accreditation**

1. **Entry into the Leader Trainer Pathway**

The BSANZ has a limited capacity to train supervisors and Leader Trainers. From time to time, accredited Balint group leaders may be invited to join the Leader Trainer Accreditation Pathway by the BSANZ Accreditation Committee. The Accreditation Committee will make recommendations to the Board.

1. **Balint leadership experience**

To be considered for Leader Trainer Accreditation the following experience is required:

* 1. **General leadership experience**
		1. A minimum of two years of Balint group leader experience after BSANZ Balint Group Leadership Accreditation
		2. A minimum of 20 hours of Balint group leadership, which includes leadership of at least one ongoing group
		3. Leadership of Balint groups in a variety of settings
		4. Leadership of Balint groups with a variety of co-leaders
	2. **BSANZ Annual Residential Workshop leadership experience**
		1. Balint group leadership as a co-leader with an accredited Leader Trainer at two Annual Residential Workshops. One of these workshops may involve co-leading with an accredited Balint group leader under supervision from an accredited Leader Trainer.
		2. Two-way feedback sheets or other methods of reflective practice may be used by leaders or co-leaders to facilitate discussion and learning.
	3. **Supervision**

Receive supervision by accredited Leader Trainers during the time in the Leader Trainer Accreditation Pathway. It is expected there will be:

* + 1. Supervision of Balint group leadership.
		2. Supervision of supervisory activities. Leader Trainers in training may supervise those enrolled in the BSANZ Leadership Accreditation Pathway.
		3. Reports from supervisors twice a year to the Accreditation Committee.
1. **Documentation of training**

The candidate for Leader Trainer Accreditation must submit his or her portfolio to the Chair of the BSANZ Accreditation Committee.

The portfolio will incorporate the following:

* An outline of his or her experiences as listed in a, b and c above
* May contain any documentation the candidate wishes to include to support his or her case
* A reflective piece of writing about his or her experience during Balint group leadership and Leader Trainer training and the associated supervision process.
1. **Granting of Leader Trainer accreditation**

The Accreditation Committee on receipt of the reports and portfolio makes the decision on the candidate’s readiness for recommendation for Leader Trainer accreditation.

The Accreditation Committee recommends the candidate to the BSANZ board for Leader Trainer Accreditation.

Endorsed by the BSANZ board on 2 May 2017