### The Difference Between Membership and Credentialing

**MEMBERSHIP**

When applying for Membership you are joining a professional association dedicated to the growth and advancement of play therapy.

- Professional Member
- Affiliate Member
- E-Student Member
- International Professional Member
- International Affiliate Member

- Quarterly *Play Therapy* magazine
- Free online CE offered every month
- Membership in Chartered Branch
- Quarterly peer-reviewed research journal
- Quarterly Mining Report
- Access to members only [Community Forums](https://www.a4pt.org)
- Weekly member e-newsletter
- Discounted fees on Credentialing, APT Store products, and Annual Conference

**CREDENTIALING**

When applying to be Credentialed as a play therapist, you submit documentation of education, experience, and supervision specific to play therapy.

- Registered Play Therapist™ (RPT)
- Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor™ (RPT-S)
- School Based-Registered Play Therapist™ (SB-RPT)

**OVERVIEW**

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**Benefits**

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- **CREDENTIALING**
  - Inclusion in the [Find a Play Therapist](https://www.a4pt.org) directory
  - Recognition on APT’s social media platforms
  - News Release announcing your accomplishment
  - Use of RPT™, RPT-S™, or SB-RPT™ to demonstrate your play therapy expertise
  - Aetna providers that hold a current RPT™ or RPT-S™ will have the ‘Play Therapy’ specialty added to their Aetna searchable profiles

**Process**

- **MEMBERSHIP**
  - Apply to join online anytime at [www.a4pt.org](http://www.a4pt.org).

- **CREDENTIALING**
  - Renewal of credential is required annually (with the option to renew for 3-years) and CE is required every 3 years.

**Renewal**

- **MEMBERSHIP**
  - Renewal of membership is required annually.

- **CREDENTIALING**
  - Initial Application Fee
    - RPT™ & SB-RPT™ $140 (for Members)
    - RPT-S™ $245 (for Members)
  - Annual Renewal Fee
    - RPT™ & SB-RPT™ $60
    - RPT-S™ $90

**Profile Information**

- **MEMBERSHIP**
  - To find your Membership expiration date, print out a membership card, or view past invoices, review the [Membership FAQ](https://www.a4pt.org). 

- **CREDENTIALING**
  - To view your Credential renewal date, CE date, or other additional information, review the [Credentialing FAQ](https://www.a4pt.org).