



# The FAA Inc. Board of Examiners

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## THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA

The Advanced Diploma is the highest academic honour given by the FAA. In order to apply for an Advanced Diploma the applicant must hold the FAA Diploma. Candidates may apply at any time.

An Advanced Diploma is awarded:

1. On the submission of a research thesis of your own choosing. Candidates are asked to submit a synopsis of their thesis with their application, which is then judged by the Board as to its suitability. This is to avoid those subjects which are obviously invalid or inappropriate to the standard of the Diploma.
2. On submission of a published work, or work that has contributed significantly to the standard of Australian astrology. The applicant must again submit a synopsis of the work on application.

The thesis or work is judged by two Examiners who have some expertise in the field of the work submitted. If there is no member of the Board with such expertise, the work will be sent to recognised experts in that field for evaluation.

It is intended that submissions for Advanced Diploma may be marked by an individual subject expert on the Examination Board, a full panel of the Examination Board or a subject expert/s from wherever in the world they may exist. The most appropriate method will depend on the type of submission and the expertise available at any particular time.

An initial submission of the proposed Advanced Diploma must be made on the appropriate application form (available from the Exam Board Director) together with a non refundable deposit of \$50. Dependant upon the depth of marking required a total fee of up to \$400 per applicant may be required. This is to cover costs of paying a subject expert to mark the submission (no matter where in the world that expert may reside). An Advanced Diploma must be submitted for assessment within 2 years of its initial submission for approval by the Board to ensure no additional cost is incurred.

### **What is acceptable for an Advanced Diploma under the new rules?**

Under the rules for granting of an Advanced Diploma the candidate may submit for consideration:

- An original research thesis with a minimum of 10,000 words. The proposed subject matter must be submitted for prior approval by the Examination Board;
- A book that has been published by a recognised publisher;
- A computer program that adds significantly to the practice of astrology – programs such as an astrological screen saver would not be accepted as adding significantly to the practice of astrology;
- Any other astrological undertaking that adds significantly to the advancement of astrology. Entries under this category will bear an onus of proof by the applicant that they do add significantly to the advancement of astrology.



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A number of copies of the submission must be submitted on completion. This number will be advised at the time the entry form is lodged. All submissions remain the property of the applicant. However, a copy will be maintained in the FAA National Archives for future reference.

Where any submission for an Advanced Diploma is a joint undertaking or partnership, the applicants will bear an onus of proof to demonstrate that there are significant contributions made by each person. Depending on the amount of work involved in marking a joint submission the Examination Board may (upon written application by the applicants) waive a part of the examination fee for each person. Such waiver will be at the discretion of the Board.

This examination is considered to be of the highest level on an international basis and the Examination Board would like to see as many as possible aspire to gaining it as a qualification.

## **FAA Advanced Diploma Information**

A person may gain an FAA Advanced Diploma in the following ways:

1) The writing of an original research thesis which must be presented to the FAA Examinations Board for marking. The following rules shall apply to the thesis:

- The subject of the thesis together with a précis of the scope of the thesis must be approved by the Examination Board prior to presentation (on an approved "Diploma Entry Form");
- There shall be no time limit imposed for presentation of the thesis but the examination fee (amount to be set by the Board from time to time) must be paid with lodgement of the thesis. Unless the thesis is presented within two years of application, any change to the fee structure must be met by the applicant;
- The minimum length of the thesis shall be 10,000 words. The thesis must be typed, bound and submitted in triplicate;
- Should there be no member of the Examination Board who is capable in the field on which the thesis is written then an external expert shall be used by the Examination Board;
- All theses shall be marked by 2 suitably qualified markers;
- In the event of a dispute over marking of a thesis, the Examination Board shall forward the thesis to a third marker external to the Board (may be from an overseas astrological organisation) who shall act as an adjudicator of the dispute.

2) By publication of an Astrological book judged by a full panel of the FAA Examination Board to:



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- Contribute to a broader knowledge of Astrology;
- Make a knowledge of astrology more accessible;
- Introduce new techniques, methods etc.

3) By the writing of original Astrological software judged by a full panel of the Examination Board to be of International significance. Where the writing is a joint venture it must be demonstrated that each Diploma applicant played a significant role in the writing of the software package.