

CCIP - FAQ's

Q. Why do I need CCIP Certification?

A. You will be receiving instruction and training with some of the very best and most experienced Contemporary Clay Artists and Teachers available. CCIP Certification will not only give you a solid foundation and understanding of modern clays but also a level of skill and expertise that will enable you to confidently work with all of the contemporary clays used in the program.

Q. What Contemporary Clays are used in the CCIP Certification?

A. The contemporary or "modern" clays that we have chosen to use in the program are Makin's Clay® (Air Dry Clay) Sculpey Premo! (Polymer Clay) and PMC - Precious Metal Clay (Silver Clay) We believe they are amongst the best of the contemporary clays available.

Q. Are there any additional or "hidden" costs that I need to know about apart from the price of certification?

A. There are three exam pieces at the end of each certification that are "student choice" pieces. These "free choice" pieces will undoubtedly vary in materials and quantities. On this basis, estimating and including a cost for the exam pieces, was impossible and students will need to cover the cost of exam pieces.

Q. What kind of support can I expect to get after I've completed the course?

A. You will become part of our national team of instructors and have access to our online group where there will always be senior instructors available to answer any queries you have. You will also be able to message other new instructors like yourself and offer them encouragement and advice. Metal Clay Australasia Pty Ltd and the CCIP Senior Training Instructors will arrange ongoing Train the Instructor classes, which will keep you abreast of new ideas, techniques and products.

Q. Once I have my certification under my belt, what then?

A. We will offer advice on marketing strategies and on where and how to maximize your business opportunities. Ultimately though this is your business and how successful you are will depend on your own drive and motivation.

Q. Does this certification mean I am also a certified PMC teacher?

A. No, PMC has its own separate certification program which is taught only by Senior PMC Instructors. CCIP Certification will equip you to understand how to work with PMC and the other contemporary clays used in the program, competently and effectively. With all the contemporary clays used in the CCIP program, we would encourage people to continue their journey of discovery with further education.

Q. Can I do a beginners class with one Instructor and the rest of Level 1 with another Instructor?

A. Yes, this is possible. The cost of the Level class will decrease by \$100 regardless of the instructor you use. Your Instructor will contact the next person to advise them that you have successfully completed the beginner's class which included 3 projects.

Q. Am I able to resell the stock that I buy at a discount?

A. No. You can only purchase Makin's®, PMC and Premo at a discount for use by your students during workshops and for your own personal use.

Q. I already own my own equipment, can I get a credit for the equipment included in the Instructor Kit?

A. The program is unable to offer credits to students who already own some of the equipment that forms part of your CCIP equipment kit. If you are teaching you will always need more than one set of equipment to teach effectively.

Q. Are the prices quoted all inclusive of GST?

A. Yes, all prices quoted by the CCIP program for materials are inclusive of GST.

Q. I have been working with Polymer Clay (or any of the clays) for years. Do I have to do the projects again?

A. In general, the answer is Yes, it is important that you do the projects that you will one day be teaching yourself. You will also need to have examples of your work to show students so this is a good way to have them completed before you commence teaching. There may be very specific circumstances where your Instructor may grant you an exemption from completing the project, however there is no discount offered on the overall price of the class if this occurs.

Q. How much can I charge for teaching people?

A. This is a personal decision and should be based on your own costs and overheads and the demographic of your area. Speak with your Senior Training Instructor and other CCIP Instructors to get a guideline for what is considered fair and reasonable.

Q. Do I need to get an ABN to run classes?

A. Applying for an ABN is not compulsory but we recommend it because you will be supplying a service and will need to be able to quote an ABN so that others businesses do not **withhold tax** at the top marginal rate when they pay you.

All businesses with an annual turnover of \$50, 000 or more must register for GST and will need an ABN to do this. Small businesses with a lower annual turnover may still choose to register and even if you are not required to register for GST, you can still apply for an ABN. You will need an ABN and GST registration **if you want to claim GST credits** for any GST you have paid for goods and/or services you have used in your business. You will also need to issue **tax invoices** that quote your ABN.

Q. Does this certification entitle me to discounts at any other businesses?

The CCIP is designed to give you ongoing discounts with Metal Clay Australasia Pty who are based in the Australian Capital Territory. Metal Clay Australasia Pty Ltd is the Appointed Importers and Distributors of Makin's Clay® Products. Discounts on the contemporary clays used in the program - Makin's®, PMC and Premo are available to CCIP Artisans and CCIP Instructors. There will be other product discounts available in the near future. Discounts for the Contemporary Clay Instructor Program are not available at any other business.

Q. If my students want to buy more stock, where do they get it?

A. If there is a Retailer of Makin's® in your area – your students should be encouraged to support and purchase Makin's® products from them. If there is no Retailer of Makin's® in your area your students can get Makin's® products through a Senior Training Instructor or online from Metal Clay Australasia Pty Ltd. Premo Sculpey and PMC are available through Metal Clay Australasia Pty Ltd at www.metalclay.com.au