

# WHO CAN BE A REFEREE?



When you apply to become a UKVRN-registrant, you will be asked to provide AfN with two references to support your application. Use the following guide to ensure you are choosing the most appropriate referees and to make your application process as streamlined as possible.

**For Portfolio (ANutr/RNutr) entries you will need to provide the details of:**

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## Referees



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**Professional reference**

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**Character reference**

This referee will need to have known you, professionally, for at least 1 year. They must be able to talk about your nutrition practice from a position of knowledge. For ANutr Portfolio applicants, this will normally be an academic reference from, e.g., a university tutor. Ideally, they will be an RNutr.

This referee will need to be able to freely comment on your character, e.g. commenting on your professionalism.



### WHO CAN'T BE A REFEREE?

- Relatives or close friends
  - Someone living at your address
  - Personal clients who come to you for nutrition advice
- This is because your referee must be able to talk about your nutrition practice from a position of knowledge. A business client may be appropriate if they speak from a position of nutrition knowledge (such as an RNutr/RD).



### I'M A FREELANCER - WHAT DO I DO?

Your referee doesn't need to be an employer, just someone who can speak on your nutrition practice from a position of knowledge, such as another nutritionist from your professional network, a volunteer coordinator or a project collaborator.

**EENB applicants**

Please note that the professional referee for those applying through the EENB route must be an RNutr from the specialism you are applying for, and both referees must have known you for at least 36 months.



If using an employer as a referee, first check if their company policy allows them to give suitable references. As they will need to personally be able to freely comment on you and your practice.

**If company policy does not allow them to provide a reference, they may be willing to provide you with one in a personal capacity.**

Please remember to provide us with the email addresses your referees would prefer the reference requests to be sent to.