

NMAS to AMDRAS Transition

Webinar for RAP and RTP administrators



Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome & Introduction



Welcome to AMDRAS

The AMDRAS Board is responsible for the development of Australian mediator accreditation standards and the implementation of the Australian Mediator and Dispute Resolution Accreditation Standards (AMDRAS).

Joanne Law – Chair Training and Assessment Committee

Amber Williams – Chair Member Engagement and Complaints Committee

Jodie Grant – Chair Application and Assessments Committee

Kirsten Eades – Chair Promotion and Marketing Committee

Stephen Dickinson – Chair AMDRAS

A quick reminder – transition period

- The transition period ends on 30th June 2025
- All NMAS RMAB's need to apply to be Recognised Accrediting Providers (RAP's) before 30th June 2025.
- All NMAS Training Organisations need to apply to be Recognised Training Providers (RTP's) before 30th June 2025.
- As part of their application, RTPs are expected to review and update their training programs to align with the AMDRAS
- Training programs must adhere to AMDRAS guidelines on curriculum design, trainer qualifications, assessment methodologies, and ethical considerations.

Applications – RTP's and RAP's – Hints and Tips

- When completing your application forms to become a RAP and/or RTP under AMDRAS:
 - Please complete ALL questions in the application form(s)
 - Please provide ALL supporting documentation requested

Most importantly – make sure you read the AMDRAS and the Appendices before completing your application form. This will help you the most!

'Ask Me Anything'

- **What is current status of AMDRAS accreditation and reaccreditation applications templates?**
- **Will application templates for progressing to Advanced and Leading mediators be supplied to RAPs?**
- **From reading the Welcome Resources it says to report when individuals have had their accreditation lapse for a period over 2 months. Is this for mediators from the past 2 months from the date the welcome document was sent, when the AMDRAS document was made available or from when the AMDRAS changes officially occur from 1st July 2025?**
- **Do RAP's have to add everyone to the new register from 1st July or is AMDRAS doing that? What is the process for people who have already been granted advanced or leading status?**
- **Is there going to be an alternative pathway to accreditation like there is for NMAS, for example through experience?**

'Ask Me Anything' (Cont'd)

- **If a mediator has not met their practice hours requirements for renewal, do RAP's have the discretion to make a decision as to give them an exemption or not or do we need to apply to the Board for approval?**
- **Is the anomaly of the timing issue that we have raised (ie from completing the Practicum Certificate and apply for advanced accreditation, but only being able to grant it at renewal time) being addressed?**
- **How do we add someone to the non-practicing register?**
- **We are running NMAS training (5 days) up until the end of June 2025. Can you confirm that NMAS assessments (ie 90 mins and no written assessments) are suitable to continue for those people beyond 1st July, even though the transition period is finished.**
- **When will RAP's get the new AMDRAS logo's?**

'Ask Me Anything' (Cont'd)

- **The AMDRAS professional ethics and responsibilities domain states “An RP must ensure that their insurance cover is appropriate to the legal and regulatory framework in which they are practising.” It would be of assistance to have further guidance around this, particularly as to any minimum professional indemnity requirements.**

Other Questions and Answers

<https://amdras.au/resources/faq/>

