



These frequently asked questions are to be read in conjunction with the information on the Accredited Professionals Scheme web-page of the SA Planning Portal and the Accredited Professionals Scheme fact sheets.

Questions	Answers
<p>Will it be necessary for a person seeking accreditation as a Level 1 Assessment Manager to also apply for accreditation at Levels 3 and 4 in order to perform functions at these levels (i.e. support an Assessment Panel, determine both 'deemed-to-satisfy' and 'performance-based' and applications and assess minor land divisions)?</p> <p>If so, will it also be necessary to register three times, pay three sets of fees and fulfil three lots Continuing Professional Development requirements?</p>	<p>It is a reasonable expectation that professionals may wish to be accredited at more than one level: the Scheme will allow professionals to apply for more than one level as part of a single application process. They will simply need to demonstrate that they meet the criteria for all levels of accreditation sought in their application.</p> <p>Professionals seeking accreditation at more than one level will only need to pay one application fee and one registration fee and one recurring renewal fee. They will, however, need to meet the minimum ongoing Continuing Professional Development requirements and maintain necessary insurance for all of their accreditation levels.</p>
<p>Can Level 1 Assessment Managers or Level 2 Assessment Panel Members delegate their authority to non-accredited planning or building staff?</p>	<p>The PDI Act allows for Level 1 Assessment Managers and Level 2 Assessment Panel Members working for a council to delegate their functions as a relevant authority to non-accredited council staff (planning or building).</p>
<p>Can a Level 1 Assessment Manager employed by a council be privately engaged by an applicant as the relevant authority to assess 'deemed-to-satisfy' and 'performance-based' developments (or a mix of the two)?</p>	<p>Level 1 Assessment Managers employed by a council can be privately engaged to assess both 'deemed-to-satisfy' (DTS) and 'performance-based' developments (including DTS/performance-based hybrid developments).</p> <p>However, it is not envisaged by DPTI that Assessment Managers should be making development assessment decisions as a Level 1 accredited professional unless they are appointed to do so under the PDI Act.</p>
<p>Who will take on the role of public notification in the new planning system?</p>	<p>The approach to public notification will be established in the Planning and Design Code and the new assessment pathways. This issue is therefore out of scope for the Accredited Professionals Scheme. However it is not anticipated that public notification will be able to be undertaken by any accredited professional unless they are an Assessment Manager or an Assessment Panel Member.</p>

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<p>Will appeals lie against the individual accredited professional or Assessment Panel responsible for a development assessment, or will they lie against the representative organisation?</p>	<p>Appeals will lie against the individual accredited professional or Assessment Panel responsible for the development assessment (the decision-maker/s).</p>
<p>Will the Mutual Liability Scheme cover accredited professionals only, or will it also cover staff working under their delegation (who may not be accredited)?</p>	<p>The Mutual Liability Scheme will cover all decisions made by accredited professionals employed by a council or appointed to an Assessment Panel within a council, including non-accredited council staff working under their delegation.</p>
<p>Can a Level 2 Assessment Panel Member assess development applications in their own right as an individual?</p>	<p>Accredited professionals acting in their capacity as a Level 2 Assessment Panel Member cannot make decisions independent of the Panel.</p>
<p>Can Assessment Managers work for one or more Assessment Panels?</p>	<p>The PDI Act specifically enables a person to be an Assessment Manager for more than one Assessment Panel. This enables groups of councils to appoint and share the skills and expertise of a single Assessment Manager. This flexibility has particular benefit for regional councils whose access to resources may be more limited than that of metropolitan councils.</p>
<p>What functions will private sector planners accredited at Level 3 (performance-assessed development) be able to perform?</p>	<p>It is envisaged that private sector planners accredited at Level 3 will be able to assess 'deemed-to-satisfy' (DTS) developments as well as simple 'performance-based' developments. These circumstances will be prescribed in the new assessment pathways regulations.</p> <p>A simple 'performance-based' development may be one that has arisen from a deemed-to-satisfy application that has not met one or more necessary provisions (and has therefore become a hybrid DTS/performance-based application).</p> <p>In this case, it would be expected that the planning impacts of such an application would be low and there would not be a need for advice on any complex issues, such as storm water, waste management or traffic.</p>