

Accreditation Bulletin

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Accreditation is coming.....

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a quality assurance and best practice program that will improve the quality of service provision for individuals who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

What is Autism Victoria's role?

Autism Victoria will operate Autism Accreditation within Australia, initially piloting the program within Victoria, thereafter Autism Accreditation will be offered as a National Service.

Who is it for?

Accreditation will be offered to services and individuals who support person/s with an ASD.

How does it work?

Accreditation uses core Autism Standards developed by leading professionals and researchers in the field of ASD. Each service or individual has to demonstrate knowledge and competency in each standard. Services/individuals will also be given specialist standards specific to their area of work e.g. early intervention, education/schooling, day care, respite etc.

Services/individuals will complete a self audit and then undergo an onsite review to quantify and evidence standards using a peer review team.

What are the benefits?

Accreditation will-

- **Install and promote consistency and best practice across support services.**
- **Increase teamwork and will allow for more cooperation between professionals, groups and services.**
- **Invest in people and develop skill.**
- **Bring together the qualities and skills of different professionals and services.**
- **Lead to the Achievement of standards, using self-audit and the opportunity to rectify non-compliance through own audit.**
- **Provide regular reviews, assisting in identifying areas for development.**
- **Enable external networking: meeting and learning from experienced staff in other services.**
- **Provide the opportunity, through marketing and publicity, to raise the service sector's image in the community attracting purchasers and personnel.**
- **Give individual professionals, and services the opportunity to gain specific recognition.**

Want to know more about this exciting development?

Please register your interest to accreditation@autismvictoria.org.au to receive monthly updates about the introduction of accreditation.