

Accreditation Bulletin

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Accreditation Update

Since our launch in April, Autism Accreditation has experienced steady growth. We continue to work with our registered early childhood services and professionals to guide them through their Autism Accreditation journey to achieve Autism Accredited status.

We also continue to offer information to services interested in Autism Accreditation but not yet registered to learn and find out more about the program of accreditation.

As the Accreditation program continues to grow we are working to develop additional specialist standards in consultation with the National Autistic Society UK (NAS) and Australian field professionals and experts for; Education, Assessment & Diagnosis and Adult Services.

The specialist standards working party meetings will be ongoing and we will also seek advice from other key stakeholders and professional groups prior to finalizing the additional specialist standards.

It is anticipated that the specialist education standards for Autism Accreditation will be finalised and be available to schools and educational establishments by the end of this year.

Our Education standards working party has representation from across the field of education including DEECD, The Victorian Principals Association, Principals Association of Specialist Schools, The Autism Teaching Institute, Autism Specific School representation and parent representation, to name a few.

Our new service divisions

As Autism Victoria grows and introduces a number of new services and programs in addition to the services and supports that Autism Victoria already offer, The Autism Accreditation program will operate within one of our new divisions Amaze Accreditation. Our new brand and division logo will be launched

Partnership with NAS

As part of Autism Victoria's ongoing partnership with the NAS in the UK, staff from the Accreditation department will travel to the UK in September to discuss and plan the ongoing international relationship between both our organizations and share our expertise in our ongoing commitment to ensuring best quality support and outcomes for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) across the lifespan of ASD.

Accreditation Information sessions

Autism Victoria facilitated a number of information sessions in January and February 2009. These information sessions have been very well attended and as we are continuing to receive ongoing queries about Autism

later this year. Our other new division that is being launched this year is Amaze Knowledge. Amaze Knowledge will deliver a range of learning opportunities to better facilitate understanding and support to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and associated needs. For further information please go to www.amazeknowledge.org.au

Accreditation we would like to offer interested services and individuals the opportunity to attend a future information session. If you are interested in finding out more about Autism Accreditation and would like to attend a session please email accreditation@autismvictoria.org.au

Information sessions will be held at Autism Victoria and possibly across selected venues in the Metropolitan Region depending on demand. Alternatively information sessions can be delivered via live internet streaming.

If you have any questions or queries about the Autism Accreditation program please email accreditation@autismvictoria.org.au or call Julie Robertson on 03 9657 1617