

Enrol soon for FDRP assessments and training

If you're a registered FDRP, you need to have completed your assessments and training by the end of May – to be able to continue to issue section 60I certificates.

To maintain registration from 1 July 2009 all registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners must have completed assessment and training in the three required competencies¹ by 31 May.

To allow the necessary time for processing by 1 July 2009, eligible practitioners are advised to enroll as soon as possible after enrolment commences on 1 March.

The FDR Training Group (contracted by the Attorney-General's Department to provide training assessment and recognition processes at subsidised rates) will offer the required competencies between March and June 2009 in the form of two modules:

1. Operate in a Family Law Environment (CHCFAM505A)
2. Domestic Violence and Vulnerable Parties (CHCDFV811A and CHCDISP804A)

Practitioners may elect to complete the modules through one (or a combination) of the following pathways:

- Application for recognition of prior learning (for experienced practitioners who do not require further training)
- Training that will be available both online and face to face in every State and Territory.

A pathway selection guide will be made available to assist individuals to choose the most appropriate pathway.

To ensure the awarding of the competencies and subsequent processing of new registrations by 1 July 2009, practitioners must have completed all assessments and training by 31 May.

Whilst subsidised assessments and training will be available only to practitioners registered by 28 February 2009, enrolments for the subsidy will remain available until 30 June 2009.

However, it cannot be guaranteed that training and processing will be completed by 1 July 2009. In which case, enrolled practitioners will not be able to issue section 60I certificates until they have been assessed as competent.

Enrolments will officially commence on 1 March 2009.

¹ The three competencies from the Vocational Graduate Diploma in FDR (CHC80207) are:

- CHCDFV811A – Respond to family and domestic violence in family work
- CHCDISP804A – Create an environment that supports the safety of vulnerable parties in dispute resolution
- CHCFAM505A – Operate in a family law environment

About the Australian FDR Training Group

The Australian FDR Training Group is a consortium of four registered training organisations (RTOs) with extensive experience in the provision of FDR services and professional education in the field, including vocational education expertise.

The four RTOs are:

- Australian Institute of Social Relations (a division of Relationships Australia SA)
- The Training Ground (a division of Relationships Australia Victoria)
- The Institute of Family Practice (a division of Uniting Care Children, Young People and Families NSW)
- Australian Institute of Relationships Studies (a division of Relationships Australia NSW).

For information

Further information about the training and recognition process will progressively be made available on the Australian FDR Training Group website:
www.fdrtraining.edu.au

For more information about the new accreditation standards or eligibility for the subsidised training, please contact the Attorney-General's Department Practitioner Registration Unit on:
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