

Accreditation Deeds Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why is Barwon Water changing its current accreditation system?

There are a number of benefits that include:

- Improving relationships - clarity around roles and responsibilities for all parties.
- Ensuring delivery of quality assets – clearer requirements and processes.
- Providing consistency across the water industry and align with other water agencies.

2. Do I need to apply for accreditation as soon as the new system is introduced?

No. You will only need to apply for accreditation:

- a) When you have been engaged to undertake works under a new Developer Deed; or
- b) Within 3 months from the introduction date if you have no current projects.
- c) Consultants accredited under the current arrangement need to have made application for new accreditation by no later than 31/5/2018 if signing on to a new developer deed.

3. What supporting information is required at the time of my first request for accreditation under the new system?

You will be considered a new applicant and required to submit certificates and training records as requested by the new application forms.

4. What supporting information is required at the time of any re-application for accreditation under the new system?

None. The new application form will contain a declaration of currency for all required certificates and training records. Barwon Water may choose to audit you at any time to confirm currency. Should any information change during the term of accreditation you must notify Barwon Water immediately and submit any updated information.

5. Is there a transition period?

Yes. You are able to complete works under any current Letter of Offer for “Developer Works” projects.

6. Why do I need to apply for specific categories of work I wish to perform?

Barwon Water is wanting to ensure better protection for all parties involved, which means:

- Only suitably qualified parties are involved in the delivery of any new infrastructure and connection to Barwon Water’s existing assets.
- Due to the varying complexities associated with development works accredited parties don’t unknowingly over commit in delivering works and services.

7. Why has Barwon Water introduced performance management clauses into the deeds?

Barwon Water is intending to introduce a performance management system in the future. The industry will be consulted as part of the development of this system.

8. Why is the Consultant accreditation period different to the Contractor accreditation period?

The Consultant is now signatory to the new Developer Deed so more constant checking on currency of accreditation is performed.

Construction of works is considered a critical aspect of delivering new infrastructure and it is important that the contractor’s accreditation details are up to date.