

Re-credentialing Requirements

Hearing Assistive Technology

Introduction

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The Hearing Assistive Technology credential recognises that Equipment and Modification Services (EMS) Assessors undertaking assessments with people who have hearing assistive technology needs require specialist knowledge and training. This knowledge allows the EMS Assessor to provide appropriate advice and recommendations related to hearing assistive technology solutions.

The EMS accreditation framework is managed by Enable New Zealand on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

Once an EMS Assessor obtains a credential under the Ministry of Health's Equipment and Modification Services Accreditation Framework it remains valid for three years from the date of issue (see below regarding re-credential timeframe).

The following requirements for re-credentialing have been developed in consultation with the **Process**

All EMS Assessors will be allocated a renewal date of either 30 June or 31 December. This renewal date will be calculated by whether your initial credentialing was approved in the first or second half of the year. Within the six months before the renewal date of the credential, the EMS Assessor and their supervisor or employer must confirm they have completed the minimum requirements for renewal of the relevant credential.

Re-credentialing requirements (as outlined below) are an internally (assessor service) monitored process. There is no requirement for evidence to be submitted to Enable New Zealand or the credentialing panel other than for audit processes.

There is no compulsory requirement to re complete the EMS core module however this is a recommendation as updates may have occurred.

It is the responsibility of the EMS Assessor to have available written evidence that demonstrates their meeting of the re-credentialing requirements:

- to enable their supervisor or employer to endorse re-credentialing.
- for auditing purposes (if required), e.g. evidence of attendance at courses and learning as part of the EMS Assessor's professional development portfolio.

Attestation of meeting re-credentialing requirements will be by the employer via the EMS Assessor online system, go to:

[EMS Assessor Online](#)

Minimum Requirements

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The following requirements apply to any EMS Assessor wishing to renew the credential irrespective of whether the EMS Assessor is working full or part time.

Assessment Requirements	Professional Development & Training requirements
A minimum of 3 assessments per year, as verified by the employer, for people who have Hearing Assistive Technology needs. The assessment does not need to result in an application for Ministry of Health funded equipment and may be the result of a review where adjustments/modifications were required to meet changed needs.	<p>A minimum of 12 hours of professional development and training over the 3 year period specific to Hearing Assistive Technology. Professional development and training can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at relevant conferences with documentation of applied learning • Attendance at practical training courses and workshops • In-depth product in-services with documentation of learning objectives • Webinars • Product displays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ may only account for a maximum of 4 out of the 12 hours of professional development and training over the 3 year period • Literature reviews resulting in a presentation to peers at in-service training • Participation in on-going clinical supervision

To apply for re-credentialing, you will need to log into EMS Assessor Online below and apply for the relevant Re-credentialing category [EMS Assessor Online](#)

Those EMS Assessors unable to meet the re-credentialing requirements (as above) within the required time frames will need to recommence all credentialing requirements to gain the Hearing Assistive Technology credential as applicable.

For further information about the Equipment and Modification Services Accreditation Framework visit: www.disabilityfunding.co.nz/ems-assessors

Or contact Enable New Zealand:

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