



AIBS

Accreditation Via Mutual Recognition

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Introduction

AIBS introduced the requirement for all practicing members of AIBS to become accredited in accordance with the AIBS Membership Policy that came into effect on 01 January 2021.

The requirements for members to become accredited with AIBS are set out in the AIBS National Accreditation Scheme.

The purpose of Mutual Recognition Accreditation is to introduce an additional process for AIBS to accredit members and building surveyors through mutual recognition of equivalence of a building surveyors' registration as a building surveyor across all jurisdictions by recognised registration authorities.

The AIBS Board has approved the Mutual Recognition Accreditation Program from 01 July 2021 until 30 June 2023 which has been incorporated into the AIBS National Accreditation Scheme effective 01 July 2021.

Specifically, AIBS will now have two pathways of accreditation:

1. AIBS Accreditation; and
2. AIBS Mutual Recognition Accreditation

AIBS Recognition of Equivalent Registration

AIBS will only recognise the registration of building surveyors by each of the recognised registration authorities to the equivalent AIBS level as set out in the table below.

	AIBS Level 1	AIBS Level 2	AIBS Level 3	Note
NSW	Building Surveyor - unrestricted	Building Surveyor - restricted	Building Surveyor – restricted (class 1 & 10)	
WA	Level 1	Level 2	Technician	
TAS	BS Unlimited	BS Limited		
VIC	BS Unlimited	BS Limited		Building Inspector not yet defined
QLD	AIBS Level 1	AIBS Level 2	AIBS Level 3	Only AIBS Accreditation accepted
SA	AIBS Level 1	AIBS Level 2	AIBS Level 3	Only AIBS Accreditation accepted
ACT	AIBS Level 1	AIBS Level 2	AIBS Level 3	Only AIBS Accreditation accepted
NT	Certifier Unrestricted			Certifier Residential – yet to be defined

AIBS Mutual Recognition Accreditation Information

- AIBS accreditation via mutual recognition will be identified as 'Accredited via Mutual Recognition' so registration authorities can identify from AIBS accreditation.
- In those jurisdictions that currently recognise AIBS accreditation for the purpose of registration (QLD, SA & ACT), it is up to those jurisdictions to determine whether they accept AIBS Mutual Recognition Accreditation recognition or not. Members should assume they won't unless an authority specifically advises they do.
- Members seeking registration in QLD, SA & ACT are recommended to seek accreditation via the AIBS National Accreditation Scheme rather than Mutual Recognition Accreditation.
- Any conditions or restrictions listed on a member's registration will be recognised and applied to their AIBS Mutual Recognition Accreditation.

Mutual Recognition Accreditation Process & Requirements

- A separate application form for is available for members to apply for Mutual Recognition accreditation on the AIBS website.
- Applicants and members who are not currently registered in a jurisdiction must apply for AIBS accreditation through the process provided for in the AIBS Accreditation Scheme.
- New applicants who apply for Mutual Recognition Accreditation and are not exempted from the AIBS Professional Standards Scheme (PSS) will be required to meet all the requirements of the PSS (e.g., have insurance that meets AIBS Insurance Standards etc.)
- All applicants will be required to provide verification of registration in the jurisdiction of which they reside.
- All applicants will be required to provide all building surveying and other relevant qualifications.
- All applicants will be required to list and declare any conditions or restrictions that they have on their registration.
- AIBS will apply the accreditation application fee as approved by the Board for all new applicants.
- For current non-accredited AIBS members, the application fee for accreditation will be waived for applications received between 1st July 2021 and 31 January 2022.
- All applications for Mutual Recognition Accreditation will be assessed by the National Accreditation Panel (NAP).
- Any issues identified by the NAP in the assessment of applications will be referred to the AIBS Board for final determination.

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- Any disciplinary action as defined in the AIBS National Accreditation Scheme must be declared upon application.
 - There is no provision for upgrades of accreditation levels by AIBS with Mutual Recognition Accreditation. Once accredited by mutual recognition, members are not able to upgrade, but must submit a new application.
 - Current non-accredited AIBS members, upon approval of their accreditation, will have their membership aligned with their accreditation date.

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