

Frequently Asked Questions

Farm Debt Mediator Accreditation Grant Program

Who is eligible to receive funding under this program?

Individuals who have been conditionally accredited by the Farm Debt Mediation Commissioner (FDM Commissioner), located in Tasmania, who once fully accredited, can provide face-to-face mediation services statewide under the *Farm Debt Mediation Act 2024* (FDM Act).

What is conditional accreditation under the *Farm Debt Mediation Act 2024*?

The FDM Commissioner may determine to conditionally accredit an individual under the FDM Act. Conditional accreditation provided by the FDM Commissioner allows an individual to have confirmation that once they meet all mandatory requirements, they will receive full accreditation under the FDM Act, to allow them to conduct mediations.

How do I obtain conditional accreditation from the Farm Debt Mediation Commissioner?

Applicants can apply to the FDM Commissioner to be accredited as a mediator under the FDM Act. Applications are open with the application form available at https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/about/divisions/ship/farm_debt_mediation_tasmania/become_a_farm_debt_mediator. The FDM Commissioner will review your application and make a determination to accredit, conditionally accredit or not accredit you as a mediator under the FDM Act.

How can I find a Registered Accreditation Provider?

A list of Registered Accreditation Providers (also referred to as Recognised Mediator Accreditation Bodies or RMABs) is available on the Mediator Standards Board website at <https://msb.org.au/msb-member-list>.

What costs are eligible to be claimed under this grant program?

Eligible costs include mediation course fees and mediation assessment fees (if assessment is not included as part of the course fees).

How long do I have to obtain my NMAS Accreditation?

Successful applicants must complete their National Mediator Accreditation Standards (NMAS) accreditation before 30 June 2025.

Can I apply as an employee of an existing business?

Yes. Employees can apply to receive the grant program using the ABN details if their employer, providing they have written confirmation from the employer to confirm the employment relationship, the employers support of the application and agreeing the terms and conditions of this program guidelines.