

# ATDP Update – September 2024

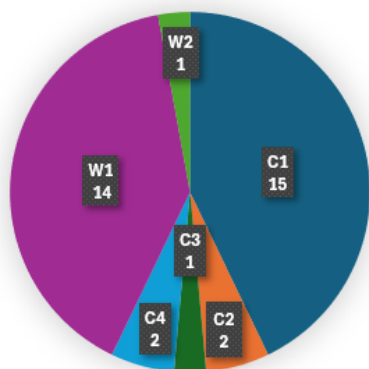
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## Newly Qualified Advocates!

There have been 35 Statements of Attainment issued since our last edition of the ATDP Update!

Congratulations and thanks to all our trainees, mentors, trainers and assessors who have ensured the successful outcome!



## Message from the ATDP Delivery Team

As I'm writing this, I have the song "Here comes the sun" playing in my mind. No doubt inspired by the arrival of Spring!



As always, it's been a busy couple of months. Here's a few of things that we've been working on:

### National Audit

We commenced the 2024 Audit on the ATDP Advocacy Register on 8 August 2024.

We have contacted 360 Authorised Persons to verify ESO and AP Contact information. This audit is nearly complete with a 97% response rate!

We have also contacted 1046 trainees and advocates with a 76% response rate.

Thanks to all of you for responding so quickly. In our next issue we'll provide you with a breakdown of the outcomes from the Audit.

### Level 1 Facilitated Learning Pathway (FLP) Training

Level 1 FLP training has commenced as business as usual. All existing level 1 WEL based trainees, their mentors and ESOs have been contacted with information about their options to transfer to the Level 1 FLP pathway.

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In case you missed it, [What to Expect as a Level 1 Trainee](#) contains information about Level 1 training under the Facilitated Learning Pathway.

We currently have the following numbers registered under the revised Level 1 training program:

- 119 Wellbeing trainees.
- 59 Compensation trainees.

If you are undergoing Level 1 training and have not received an email, please contact your PSO.

### **Candidate Assessment Books – Where to send them?**

If you are a trainee don't forget to complete and hand in your Candidate Assessment Books that you receive during your FLP or Consolidation and Assessment (C&A) programs. As a reminder, you need to return your assessment books to [ATDP.QUIZ@dva.gov.au](mailto:ATDP.QUIZ@dva.gov.au)

Our team will ensure that your assessment book is uploaded into the Online Management System and then progressed to your assessor for marking.

Michelle

On behalf of the ATDP Delivery Team

## **Trainers/Assessors for the ATDP Accredited Training Program**

Are you passionate about empowering others and sharing your defence experiences? We're on a mission to find dedicated trainers and assessors who can bring their unique skills and experiences to help us in supporting the veteran community.



### **What We Offer:**

- **Flexible Roles:** Positions are available under both paid and voluntary agreements, allowing you to balance work with your lifestyle and commitments.
- **Impactful Work:** Help us support and uplift the Veteran community through your unique skills and experience.

### **Experience and Qualifications:**

- **Australian Defence Force (ADF) Experience:** Preference is given to those with a background in the ADF.
- **Advocate Qualifications:** Level 2 or higher Compensation Advocate or Level 2 Wellbeing Advocate.
- **Experience:** At least 12 months working as a Level 2 Advocate.
- **Training Credentials:** Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (2022 or 2016 preferred, or willingness to update), or an accredited Trainer and Assessor Skill Set as a minimum.
- **Availability:** Must be able to participate in ATDP programs.



If you're interested in becoming an ATDP Trainer or Assessor, please reach out to us at [ATDPAdmin@majortraining.com.au](mailto:ATDPAdmin@majortraining.com.au)

## From the Development Team

### CPD Content - Modules

The Development Team has launched a new CPD module on the CPD portal. Information regarding topics and points available can be found by logging into the portal. Many of these modules are based off DVA Delegate training, with the intention to provide the same level of training to the advocacy community that the DVA Delegates receive.

The new content is:

#### 35. Compensation Offsetting Training for Advocates

We are continuing to work with various teams within DVA as well as our Registered Training Organisation (MTS) and hope to have more topics launched in the future. Updates will be provided in due course.

### CPD External Events and Other Activities

As a reminder, CPD is not just confined to modules and activities in the CPD portal. Advocates are encouraged to access external events. Information in relation to what would be considered an appropriate CPD event is available on the CPD portal, as well as instructions on how to submit an external event for consideration. There are also opportunities to receive CPD points for various other activities such as First Aid certificates. If you have not reviewed the CPD portal in a while, it might be worth taking a look at the various options available to earn CPD points.

## RTO Update

### Combined Level 1

The Combined Level 1 program is up and running, with in-person Module 1 and 2 programs conducted in Perth, Launceston and Canberra and two virtual programs conducted in July and August. Module 3 programs will be conducted in September and October in the same locations, with further in-person programs scheduled in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and further virtual programs also scheduled.

Dates for future Level 1 programs are provided on the ATDP Homepage. Instructions on nominating for these programs and information for learners is also available on the ATDP Homepage under the 'How to' Guides button.



### Advocacy Handbooks

The Compensation Advocate's Handbook and Wellbeing Advocate's Handbook are available on the DVA Homepage. These Handbooks are frequently being revised and updated, so please ensure that you refer to these online documents to ensure that you are using the current version.

We try to keep these Handbooks up to date, but sometimes links provided to external resources become broken when information is moved or deleted. Please report any broken links to

[ATDPEnquiries@dva.gov.au](mailto:ATDPEnquiries@dva.gov.au) so that updates can be made.

**Darryl Proud, National Training Manager**  
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## Region 1 Update (QLD/NT)



### Level 1 Combined Program

This Program is now approved and is an option within the Advocacy Register. Authorised Persons can nominate prospective advocates directly into this course. A mentor is not required for this program, but one will be required on completion to progress to Level 2.

### CPD

It is important to recognise that to provide quality advocacy services members need to be current, and this can be achieved through CPD. This ensures the best and most up-to-date advice is provided to Veterans. Unfortunately, many advocates have allowed their CPD currency to lapse. This jeopardizes both the advocate and the ESO if there is any challenge to the advice provided. It is also planned that BEST grants will only be provided to ESOs for the work of CPD current advocates.

### Mentoring

For this CPD year and henceforth, Mentors will be allocated 5 CPD points per year following at least one mentee successfully completing a C&A in that year. This provides both recognition and reward for the support Mentors provide within the ATDP.

CPD Workshops have been scheduled for Sep 24 in Townsville (Face to face) and November 4 (online) and both prospective mentors and current mentors who may want a refresher are encouraged to have their ESO Authorised Person complete nominations. Remember, support will be provided where there are at least 6 advocates wishing to do a program in their local area face-to-face.

### Act Harmonisation

**The Bill has been tabled and is expected to be passed by July 2025 and benefits payable from July 2026,** which allows time for parliamentary processes and training of delegates and advocates.

ATDP currently plans to use CPD as the platform for training advocates using a compulsory unit for all advocates, but **it will not be initiated until the Bill is passed.**

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## Region 2 Update (NSW/ACT/WA)



*'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.'*

— Edmund Burke

### Institute of Veterans' Advocates (IVA)

The Ex-Service Organisation Round Table (ESORT) has established a Working Group to consider how advocacy services could be strengthened to benefit veterans and families. The working group has proposed the creation of an Institute of Veterans' Advocates (IVA) as a national professional association for veterans' advocates.

Under the proposal, the Institute would provide leadership and support to veterans' advocates, set competency and training standards for the sector, and accredit and register advocates. The Institute would

similarly establish a code of conduct for advocates and provide members with access to the training and tools they need to deliver high quality advocacy services.

ESORT and DVA want to hear your views.

To widen the consultation process and include Advocates' opinions and support, DVA has released a [Consultation paper - A New of Institute of Veterans' Advocates \(dva.gov.au\)](#) on IVA. I recommend that you read the Consultation Paper. If the Paper does not provide enough detail, then please contact your Regional Manager for more.

Please also complete the DVA Survey on IVA at: [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

## **National Consultation Framework 2024 Review**

DVA is conducting a review of the National Consultation Framework (NCF), the structure that facilitates communication between the veteran community, DVA and the Repatriation Commission and the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission. To find out more on the NCF click: [How we consult the ex-service community | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#).

The NCF was launched in 2009 and is supposed to be held every three years to ensure its relevance and effectiveness to the contemporary and evolving needs of the veteran community. However, the last Review was conducted in 2019 through an online survey.

Based on evidence, the review may recommend changes to the NCF to better meet the needs of veterans and families now and in the future. This review is also mindful that the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide may make recommendations in its final report that may impact the NCF.

I would recommend that you participate in this review. Veterans can complete an online survey [National Consultation Framework Review | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#). The Survey is open until 11:59pm AEST Sunday 15 September 2024.

## **Veterans' and Families' Hubs**

DVA is committed to extending its support to the Veteran Community through its [Veterans' and Families' Hubs | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#) initiative.

Two more Hubs will be opened in New South Wales during September:

The RSL LifeCare will open a Hub at 31 Hely St, Wyong NSW on 13 September 2024 at 11:00am.

The Veterans' Wellbeing Network MNC will be opening the Midcoast Veterans' Wellbeing Centre at 75 Muldoon St, Taree NSW on 24 September 2024 at 1:00pm.

## **DVA Aged Care Taskforce**

The Regional Manager 3 (Roger Greene) and I recently attended the DVA Aged Care Taskforce meeting on *Advocacy and Volunteering – Residential Care*. The meeting was also attended by representatives from Department of Health and Aging, My Aged Care, and DVA.

The meeting acknowledged there was very little coordinated information for Veterans' and War Widow(er)s' when transitioning into Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) and very little information for RACFs on what Veterans' and War Widow(er)s' are entitled to.

Some outcomes from the meeting are:

The production of:

- A Residential Aged Care Package booklet for DVA Clients (soon to be released).
- A Residential Aged Care Package booklet for Residential Aged Care Providers (soon to be released).

- A restructuring of the DVA web site to more easily provide access to Residential Aged Care for DVA Clients.

## Mentoring

The new Combined Level 1 Advocate course is now in full swing with many Trainees switching to the new course. The course does not require the Trainee to have a Mentor. However, once the Trainee becomes competent as a Level 1 Advocate, they then require a Mentor in order to begin their Level 2 Training as the next step in their Advocate pathway. This transfers the requirement for a Mentor to the Level 2 course.

So, Mentors are still required to allow the Level 1 Advocates to begin their Level 2 training. If Mentors cannot be found, then the Level 1 Advocates must practice under the guidance of a Level 2 (or above) Advocate. I strongly recommend Level 2 Advocates become Mentors to assist new Level 1 Advocates progress.

Mentor courses are available online and in-person. Please contact ATDP Enquiries for details and dates of upcoming Mentor courses.

## Congratulations

I would like to congratulate all of the Trainee Advocates on their recent Graduation during the last three months.

Thanks for your dedication and hard work in supporting our Veteran Community. I wish you all the best and ask you to remember to expand your network of Advocates and Mentors and learn from them.

Thank all of you for your dedication and support to Veterans and their Families. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and thoughts on improvements to the ATDP.

First Name	State	Military Advocate level
Noel	ACT	<i>NAT11019005 - C&amp;A Level 1 Wellbeing</i>
Shane	ACT	<i>Combined Level 1 - NAT11019001 &amp; NAT11019005</i>
Stephen	ACT	<i>Combined Level 1 - NAT11019001 &amp; NAT11019005</i>
Paul	NSW	<i>Combined Level 1 - NAT11019001 &amp; NAT11019005</i>

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## Region 3 Update (SA/VIC/TAS)



*'Bad ideas flourish because they are in the interests of powerful groups'*  
Paul Krugman.

### Food for Thought

Hopefully, I explained last week that the reason for my aphorisms (quotes) in the Update is to promote thought. So, it is with this edition's offering which struck me as being so true. Of course, there are probably many who would disagree with Paul Krugman (a distinguished economist and product of a Ukrainian/Russian Jewish family which migrated to the US in the early 1900s - [read his biography here](#)).

Most ideas that are seen to fruition and then deemed to be a 'bad idea', after being in operation for a period, have been pursued against the advice of a minority and almost invariably at 'no-cost' to the



proponents. The examples that spring most readily to mind are those of Big Businesses and Governments. Both are able to execute 'bad ideas' at the cost of their benefactors –the shareholder or the taxpayer – and Region 3 (well Victoria) probably has some good examples of the latter.

'Where on earth is this headed?' you ask (if you have made it this far). As military advocates and veterans we have few ways that we can influence, at a high level, whether or not an idea should be implemented – be its origin in the veteran community or in Government. The body in the best position to influence matters in the veteran community is, at least in theory, the Ex-Service Organisation Round Table (ESORT). While some of the (1000 odd) readers of the Update may not have heard of the ESORT, I estimate that less than ten percent will ever have had any communication from their ESO or their ESORT representative about what was discussed at the 'last meeting' or what your opinion is on such-and-such that is to be discussed at the 'next meeting'.

As veterans we are at the mercy of Government decisions - not only as taxpayers do we pay for them but they can also have a most profound effect on our daily lives. But what influence can we have over these important decisions? As advocates we are, or at least should be, more aware than most of the conditions and needs in our veteran community. And as such we should be at the forefront of providing advice to our representatives on the ESORT and ensuring that they fully appreciate the importance of their role in influencing advocacy policy direction. To the best of my belief there is only one qualified advocate member of the ESORT – what chance we are 'powerfully represented' if that is the case? Yet veteran wellbeing is the basic role of the ESOs represented on the ESORT and every decision/recommendation is made on behalf of veterans.

There is a great deal happening in the advocacy space at the moment and the key decisions are not being made by advocates. **So it is important, no vital, that we make our opinion known through our representatives, so that the decision makers have the best possible information and opinion available on which to base their decisions. Insist that your ESO provides you with relevant information and seeks your feedback on advocacy and related matters that are being considered in the ESORT.**

## **Movement on the Advocacy Front**

**The Harmonisation Bill** is now in the Parliament and the opportunity for further submissions is now quite restricted unless you happen know the right Senator(s).

A question I have been asked on several occasions now, relates to the eligibility for a Gold Card on reaching age 70 and having Qualifying Service which is not mentioned anywhere in the draft Act (take my word for it and don't waste time looking).

Eligibility for treatment in such circumstances is established in the VEA:

Section 85 Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986:

(4A) A veteran is eligible to be provided with treatment under this Part for any injury suffered, or disease contracted, by the veteran, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, if:

- a) the veteran is 70 or over; and
- b) the veteran has rendered qualifying service during the period covered by paragraph (b) of the definition of period of hostilities in subsection 5B(1); and
- c) either:
  - (i) the Department has notified the veteran in writing that he or she is or will be eligible for such treatment; or
  - (ii) the veteran has, by written document lodged at an office of the Department in Australia in accordance with section 5T, notified the Department that he or she seeks eligibility for such treatment.

(4B) A veteran is eligible to be provided with treatment under this Part for any injury suffered, or disease contracted, by the veteran, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, if:

- a) the veteran is 70 or over; and
- b) the veteran has rendered qualifying service within the meaning of subparagraph 7A(1)(a)(ii), (iii), (iv), (v) or (vi) or paragraph 7A(1)(b), (c) or (f); and
- c) either:
  - (i) the Department has notified the veteran in writing that he or she is or will be eligible for such treatment; or
  - (ii) the veteran has, by written document lodged at an office of the Department in Australia in accordance with section 5T, notified the Department that he or she seeks eligibility for such treatment.

(4A) is WW 1 and (4B) is later conflicts. Both unaffected by harmonisation. The actual DVA cards are authorised by administrative action and serve merely to indicate the levels of treatment eligibility of the holder . . . again unaffected by the new Legislation.

**The DVA/ESORT Advocacy Governance Working Group** has not met again since the meeting I reported in June. Nevertheless, as it is with most proposals of this magnitude, there is an enormous amount of work required behind the scenes to cross all the 'Is' and dot all the 'Ts' before finally seeking the support of the ESORT and then of course the Minister, who I understand has shown a great deal of positive interest in the proposal as he has with his portfolio in general.

The Working Group has been provided with a consolidated list of those nominated by the various ESOs represented on the Working Group which has yet to be ratified by the ESORT but I understand that the positions proposed to be included on the Board of the Institute of Military Advocates (my name as I don't think there is formal agreement yet) include:

- Chair
- Families Representative
- Advocate Representative
- ESO Representative
- ADF/Services Representative
- DVA Member (ex officio)
- Defence Member (ex officio)

There is a bit more information later in this Update in my notes on the Legacy National Advocacy Forum held in Canberra this month.

**Combined Level 1 Wellbeing and Compensation training** is now well past the 'under consideration' phase and candidates are now being offered places on the program of online and face-to-face Program (aka C&A) sessions. The first of the programs have already been conducted online and mid-August saw the first of the face-to-face programs, which are scheduled for Perth, Launceston, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

While it seems that the majority of those enrolling intend to complete both the Wellbeing and Compensation modules it is disappointing that there is still a significant element that believes it unnecessary for Compensation Advocates to have a basic knowledge of wellbeing issues that affect our veterans and their families. While getting treatment, rehabilitation and compensation for veterans is a very important aspect of advocacy it is their (and their families) wellbeing that should be the main focus including such aspects as self-esteem, housing, education and employment.

One of the clear attractions of the new system is that candidates with a very basic understanding of advocacy are able to assist, under supervision, in the support of veterans and their family's seeking



rehabilitation/compensation or wellbeing support. To achieve this outcome the need for mentoring and the completion of a Workplace Experience Log including recording of relevant compensation and wellbeing experiences such as submitting claims under the three Acts and completing wellbeing tasks has been elevated to the Level 2 Units of Competency requirements. **Those of us who can, need to put our hands up to mentor those who have completed the new training requirements and where necessary, guide/assist them in completing the experience requirements now required to achieve Level 2 and be able to act autonomously.**

### **Continued Professional Development.**

The opportunity for advocates who have found themselves 'NOT CURRENT' in their CPD obligation to 'catch up' is one not to be missed. So it was with some considerable disappointment that I noted there are 32 advocates in Region 3 who are still 'NOT CURRENT' but are included in their ESO figures in the Advocate Register.

To those who have regained their 'CURRENT' status (or are well on the way) – thank you for putting in the effort. And to those who are still 'thinking about it' I would urge you to do so for the sake of the veterans we support who need competent assistance. The 45 point requirement to regain currency is no more than a refresher and will not only enable you to give more up-to-date advice to the veterans you assist but will also ensure that your ESOs Personal Indemnity insurance cover remains valid.

### **Consolidation and Assessment Programs – Finalisation**

I mentioned last month my surprise at the number of candidates who have undertaken months of hard work to complete their Workplace Experience Logs and attend a Consolidation and Assessment program but then failed to submit the written exercises required to complete their accreditation.

If you are one of the eight candidates who still have exercises from your C&A, some back as far as January, please do complete them and submit as soon as possible.

### **Legacy National Advocacy Forum**

DVA Secretary Alison Frame was the first speaker and provided an update on several matters of interest to us as advocates so I will do the best to interpret my notes taken during her address.

**The Advocates' Institute** proposal is being advanced internally with the development of a discussion paper for circulation within the advocacy community and of course to other stakeholders. It is expected that the paper should 'hit the streets' within the next few weeks. It is to be hoped that the proposal will be supported not only by ESOs but also the legal profession and fee-for-service providers of veteran advocacy support. Such support would hopefully lead to an agreed level of regulation within the 'industry' and avoid the need for Government intervention to control the (few) service providers taking advantage of veterans unable to properly assess the advantage/disadvantage of using a particular provider.

**IL Claims** are now allocated within 14 days of receipt, so the 'backlog' identified by the Royal Commission has been eliminated and the term 'backlog' refers only to claims that are awaiting a delegate's determination. The number of days between lodgement and determination varies with the Act and the quality of the evidence submitted with the claim itself, in other words, the time taken for investigation. An indication of how the situation is improving might be found in the fact that for MRCA Initial Liability claims lodged since 1 December 2023, the average time to determination is now down to 58 days. Of course, Permanent Impairment determinations are still taking longer than would be hoped.

**Claims lodgement assistance** continues in WA and is to be expanded. The pilot program involves CSOs and some delegates entering claims data into the system. They do not provide advice but might comment on the likely success of a claim if a particular approach is being taken that might not be as helpful as it could be to the claimant. Advocates working with this new pilot program advise that the additional information available to the delegates, being able to access the DVA system, is of enormous help when submitting claims as information the veteran has forgotten is often available.

**Accreditation of medical practitioners** who complete a ‘Veteran Health for Doctors’ (I might have the name wrong) program is on the horizon. Accreditation is also being considered for ‘veteran friendly practices’ to assist veterans seeking medical support. This would enable easy identification of practices and individuals who have established credibility within the Department and hopefully assist in reducing claim determination delays.

**A new position of Chief Psychiatrist** has been created. Dr. Jon Lane has a PhD in mental health and has had considerable involvement in treatment of our veterans. You can read more [about Jon here](#). Jon served for ten years and then completed a medical degree. After another three years as an Army doctor, he transferred to the Reserve and completed his Psychiatry training. Jon served with the US Mental Health Team in Kandahar in 2013 and subsequently has completed a PhD in Peer Led group treatments for Military, Veterans, Police and Emergency Services personnel.

**The Privacy Act** is the source of considerable frustration for the Department when seeking information from the Department of Defence because they are separate legal entities, and the Act is applicable. It is to be hoped that the Royal Commission will recommend that the two Departments be treated as a single entity for the purposes of the Act to eliminate many of the restrictions which inhibit the free interchange of information necessary to assist in the determination of veterans’ claims and treatment.

**Leanne Cameron, First Assistant Secretary (FAS)** Aged and Community Care Task Force, then spoke about the important work now being done by the Department in the aged care space. 30 years ago, 25 percent of aged care accommodation was occupied by veterans. Today the figure is more like 2.5 percent. That, together with workforce issues in the industry, has led to a much lower level of staff understanding of the respect with which Australian veterans are generally held within the community. Indeed, because of treatment of civilians by the military in some countries there can be an innate anti-veteran attitude in some facilities.

A great deal of emphasis is therefore being placed on education when Aged Care facilities are identified with little or no understanding of DVA support available to veteran clients. So, if you come across an aged care facility where veterans or other DVA clients are experiencing ‘problems’ please let Leanne or one of her staff know so they can reach out and provide a better understanding to such establishments.

## Assessment Status Report

Since the last ‘Update’ the following progress has been achieved by Region 3 candidates:

08 June 24 – 15 Aug 24

Candidates panelled for Consolidation & Assessment	Candidates ready for Consolidation & Assessment	Advocates waiting for Recognition of Prior Learning
5x Compensation Level 1 15x Wellbeing Level 1 1x Compensation Level 2	4x Wellbeing Level 1	1x Compensation Level 2 2x Compensation Level 3 4x Wellbeing Level 2
Mentor Notifications (C&A)	New Enrolments	Archived
1x Compensation Level 1 2x Wellbeing Level 1 1x Compensation Level 2	8x Compensation Level 1 2x Compensation Level 2 6x Wellbeing Level 1	11x Compensation Level 1 Trg 4x Compensation Level 2 1x Wellbeing Level 1 4x Wellbeing Level 2

SOA Issued	Program Attendance	Workshops Completed
7x Compensation Level 1	1x Compensation Level 1	
2x Compensation Level 2	8x Wellbeing Level 1	
1x Compensation Level 3		
1x Compensation Level 4		
1x Wellbeing Level 1		
1x Wellbeing Level 2		

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dean (RSL SA), Sharon, Lynette (RSL Vic) and Martin (RSL Tas) – Wellbeing Level 1; Marc (RSL Tas), Geoff, Emily, Kieren, Craig and Mark (RSL Vic) – Compensation Level 1; Laura (RSL Vic) – Wellbeing Level 2; Amanda (RSL Vic) – Compensation Level 2; and last but my no means least Michael (RSL Vic) – Compensation Level 4, on achieving accreditation during the period.

Thanks for your hard work and ongoing support of our veterans and their families.

## And Finally . . . . .

Until October . . . .

Keep safe. Roger



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## ATDP News and Information

The News and Information tab will help you keep up to date with the latest articles and news that relate to advocates and the wider veteran community. There are currently five categories:

### [ATDP Newsroom](#)

Provides information about ATDP specific activities and other important information relevant to the provision of the Course in Military Advocacy.

### [ATDP Statistics](#)

Statistics on advocate and trainee demographics as well as mentor number breakdowns. These are updated monthly.

### [DVA Updates](#)

DVA news and information relevant to supporting veterans and families. This may include information that can be found on the DVA website, e-news and VetAffairs.

### [DVA Businesslines](#)

Contains DVA businesslines which provide information about changes and updates in DVA legislation, policies and programs which may be of interest to the advocacy community.

### [DVA QUEST Videos](#)

Contains DVA QUEST training videos which provide information about changes and updates in DVA legislation, policies and programs which may be of interest to the advocacy community.

# ATDP Assessment Programs and Workshops

*Note: Attendance is by invitation only*

Have you nearly completed your Workplace Experience Logbook (WEL)? You may be interested to know of the upcoming scheduled C&A programs which are listed below. These may be a motivator for you and your mentor to work through those final milestones.

C&A and Mentoring Programs are updated regularly. For those new to the program, you can keep up to date with program information by visiting the [ATDP - Home Page](#) and scrolling to the bottom of the page.



## FLP Module 3 (WA)

10-Sep-2024 (Campbell Barracks, Golden Way  
Swanbourne WA 6010) **3 Days**



## Compensation L2 C&A

17-Sep-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 3 (ACT)

17-Sep-2024 (Canberra) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 3 (TAS)

24-Sep-2024 (313 Wellington St Launceston TAS  
7250) **3 Days**



## Mentoring Workshop

24-Sep-2024 (Oasis, Townsville) **1 Day**



## FLP Module 1&2 (MLB)

1-Oct-2024 (DVA Melbourne Level 11  
Repatriation Room 300 LaTrobe Street  
Melbourne VIC 3001) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 1 & 2 (SYD)

8-Oct-2024 (DVA Sydney Level 2 280 Elizabeth  
Street Concord Room Surry Hills) **3 Days**



## Compensation L1 C&A

15-Oct-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 1 & 2

15-Oct-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 1 & 2 (BRS)

22-Oct-2024 (DVA Brisbane Level 6 Repatriation  
Room 480 Queen Street Brisbane Qld 4000)  
**3 Days**



## FLP Module 3 (MLB)

29-Oct-2024 (DVA Melbourne Level 11  
Repatriation Room 300 LaTrobe Street  
Melbourne VIC 3001) **3 Days**



## Mentoring Workshop

4-Nov-2024 (Online) **1 Day**



## FLP Module 3 (SYD)

5-Nov-2024 (DVA Sydney Level 2 280 Elizabeth  
Street Concord Room Surry Hills) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 3 (BRS)

13-Nov-2024 (DVA Brisbane Level 6 Repatriation  
Room 480 Queen Street Brisbane Qld 4000)  
**3 Days**



## Compensation L2 C&A

19-Nov-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## Wellbeing L2 C&A

26-Nov-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 3

26-Nov-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## Compensation L3 C&A

3-Dec-2024 (Online) **4 Days**



## FLP Module 1 & 2

10-Dec-2024 (Online) **3 Days**



## FLP Module 3

14-Jan-2025 (Online) **3 Days**

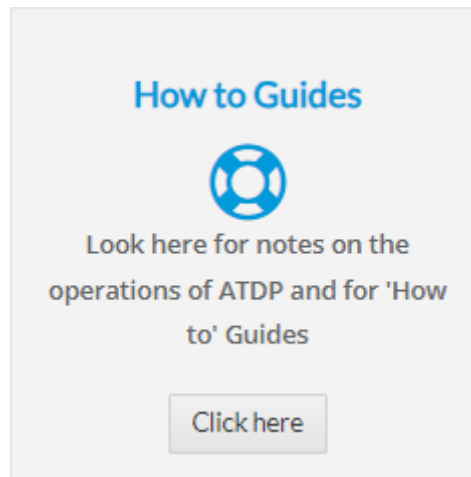
## How to Guides

If you are a new trainee or Authorised Person, there is a 'How to Guide' just for you.

Want to understand more about Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) , there's a Guide for that as well.

Please view our [ATDP - How to Guides](#) to see if there is one that addresses a topic you were discussing or thinking about.

You can also access the How to Guides from the ATDP Home page. Scroll to the bottom and click on:



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**Temporary Change:** Region 1 will be supported by Emma during July and early August as William works with the ATDP Development Team. Emma has been with ATDP for many years and looks forward to supporting you.

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