

ONLINE EVENT:

Applying the new Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables & Navigating Income Support Mutual Obligations for AOD clients: Information for the AOD Sector

This event is about ensuring that clinicians working in the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector have a good understanding of how to use the new AOD specific table - and the related guidelines - to provide appropriate supporting documentation for clients applying for the Disability Support Pension (DSP). We will also explore what happens when someone on Centrelink payments enters residential rehabilitation – or other treatment programs – for AOD dependence and the steps that need to be taken to ensure continuity of payments.

Tuesday 22 August 2023

PROGRAM

- 1pm Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and introduction to event
Melanie Walker, CEO, AADC
- 1:05pm Disability Support Pension – focusing on the application process and use of Impairment Tables
Alex Abel, Branch Manager, Carers, Disability and Student Payments, Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS)
- 1:25pm Mutual obligations for unemployment payment recipients while undertaking drug or alcohol treatment
Andrew Wright, Director, Mutual Obligation and Compliance Policy and Dan Lausevic, Director, Assessments and Mutual Obligations, Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)
- 1:45pm Forum with panellists and audience participation to discuss the process for applying for a DSP for clients with an AOD-related impairment and navigating mutual obligations while undertaking AOD treatment. Special guest panellists include:
- Alex Abel, Branch Manager, Carers, Disability and Student Payments, DSS
 - Andrew Wright, Director, Mutual Obligation and Compliance Policy and Dan Lausevic, Director, Assessments and Mutual Obligations, DEWR
 - Donald Wolters, Assistant Director, Disability Pension and Parenting Payments Branch, Services Australia
 - Jenny Rohan, Assistant Director/Psychologist, Assessment Services, Smart Centre Operations Division, Services Australia
 - Dr Craig Rodgers, Senior Staff Specialist, Addiction Medicine, St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney and President Elect, Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD)
 - Dr Hester Wilson, General Practitioner and Chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Specific Interests Addiction Medicine network
 - Gerard Byrne, Operations Manager, WHOS Treatment Services and Board Member, Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies (NSW)
- Forum Chair: Melanie Walker, CEO, AADC**
- 2:30pm Close

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