

ASC changes to Coaching NCAS Scheme

What was NCAS?

The National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) was an initiative of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) first developed in 1979.

Why has it been removed?

In 2012 an independent review was commissioned by the ASC to determine whether the NCAS was still meeting the needs of the sector.

The findings were clear. Since the establishment of the scheme, adult learning theories and practices have shifted, new technologies are available, participant expectations of the sport experience have changed and parental involvement in sport is different.

The ASC determined that a change in approach was required. NSOs needed to improve their capacity to independently develop and maintain their coach and official frameworks and training and support programs in accordance with current best practice.

As a result, the ASC retired the NCAS initiative which affects all funded sports within Australia.

What does this mean?

ISA is endorsed by the ASC as the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) for figure skating. ISA recognise APSA Inc. as the governing body of coach education within Australia.

The ASC will continue to develop content and programs that assist the sport sector, including the online Community Coaching General Principles as well as presenter, assessor, mentor and coach developer resources.

We must remove all reference of the "NCAS" from our accreditation titles.

APSA Inc. is in the position to develop a new Coaching Pathway with new titles. The work on this has already commenced. It makes for an exciting change to coach development in Australia. I expect this to be a relatively simple change over process for our coaches and one that moves coach education in a positive direction.

So what does this mean for my accreditation?

You are no longer an ASC accredited coach but an APSA Inc. accredited coach who is a member of your State PSA.

Do you need to remove any reference to the NCAS?

Where possible yes as will APSA Inc and its State Members. Your reference will be as an APSA accredited coach.

APSA Inc. and their State members will need to update all digital material asap.

Does this affect the accreditation I am currently undertaking?

No, only the reference to the NCAS will be removed from accreditation material.

Even as we develop and roll out our new course, everyone currently enrolled will be given 12 months to complete their current course and to gain recognition into the new Coaching Pathway.

Courses will run as soon as possible as not to delay the accreditation of coaches.

Does this affect my current accreditation level?

Once the new Coaching Pathway is finalised coaches will be given equivalency in the level they fit into.

Am I still required to pay my registration fee?

Yes, your registration fee will cover the cost of administration of your accreditation. APSA Inc. will continue to approve your compulsory yearly update / professional development points and will be introducing new update points requirements including a new online compulsory component to assist in gaining your points.

I am currently waiting for my new ASC card and accreditation card, when will I receive them?

The only card you are now required to have is the APSA accreditation card. We are currently looking at more efficient ways to produce these and send them out to coaches.

When will we be advised of the changes?

To ensure everyone receives the same information and is given the opportunity to ask questions, and have any concerns addressed APSA will visit each state to present the new accreditation system to the coaches directly. The framework has been approved however, there is still a lot of work to be done and a clear pathway for equivalency to be put in place.