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Open letter to the membership and stakeholders of OMAA

# **Re: Letter from NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, received by OMAA Standards Committee 12 March 2025: update to clarify OMAA’s current position**

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission informed OMAA in March 2025 of the much sought-after change to required qualifications to meet the criteria for Orientation and Mobility Specialists within their system as:

“Orientation and Mobility Specialist

This profession is associated with the below registration group(s):

· **0128 Therapeutic Supports**

· Any registration group listed under ‘Other Professions’

In addition to the requirements above, this profession must also meet the following requirements:

Required qualifications / experience: Registered Orientation and Mobility Specialist by the Orientation and Mobility Association of Australasia”

## <https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/rules-and-standards/ndis-practice-standards/verification-module>

## Clarification on current ROMSA definition:

The **constitution of OMAA** states that Registered O&M Specialist members of OMAA, as referred to in the Verification Module (ROMSA) are:

“11 Registered members

(1) Registered members are ordinary members of the Association who have also passed the international examination for Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists and who meet any additional requirements for registration, as set from time to time by the Executive.

(2) Evidence of meeting the registration standards approved by the Executive must be included in the application for registration.

(3) Registered members are entitled to full voting rights and privileges of membership and are entitled to hold any office on the Executive.”

**Therefore, to meet the ROMSA criteria above, an ordinary member of OMAA must provide evidence to OMAA in the form of a completed and current COMS certification and continued re certification (5 yearly) as per ACVREP requirements.**

To change the OMAA constitution’s criteria for any membership category, including ROMSA, a special meeting and membership vote needs to occur (see OMAA Constitution). **Until/unless membership votes on constitutional change, the criteria for ROMSA remains as stated in the current constitution.**

The OMAA team continue to advocate to NDIA/S that an urgent meeting is required to address transition and other concerns.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the various OMAA contacts as needed:

Ideas, comments and queries regarding the NDIS recent changes to O&M status and recognition, and OMAA’s role in this please email: [ndis.romsa@omaaustralasia.com](mailto:ndis.romsa@omaaustralasia.com)

If you have any ROMSA process and registration queries please email: [registrar@omaaustralasia.com](mailto:registrar@omaaustralasia.com)

If you have any general queries for the OMAA team please email: [info@omaaustralasia.com](mailto:info@omaaustralasia.com)

ACVREP recommends the COMS home page of their website. Following step by step can support you becoming COMS: [Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) - ACVREP](https://www.acvrep.org/certifications/coms)

#### We will continue to communicate and update OMAA membership as we progress.

#### Yours Sincerely,



Kay Daly ROMSA [](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/education.acvrep.org/badges/badge.php?hash=6239b42980c140e6815941aa59bebbd5ad9ddfa6__;!!BW9V2p7J0Kl2QvQ!FgAQPl4c3tf5z5zEXNl-3RoI7EYzQrMbKqccwH32yO8NN_329cctI-urMO19FadU4ikKXqCd0cdOxPp9ZSKjpoTC7DWg$)

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