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Open letter to the membership of OMAA

Re: OMAA Executive members summary of meeting with NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

* Re: Next steps with NDIA/S and Quality and Safeguards Commission post meeting on 2 April 2025.

Members of the OMAA Executive and PSC met with a representative of the Quality and Safeguards Commission recently to gain a better understanding of the changes to O&M status and recognition within the Agency.

**The key recommendation to O&M Specialists** **was to prioritise becoming a ROMSA (Registered O&M Specialist in Australasia) as soon as possible.**

This is because:

* ROMSA (defined as: evidence of **active COMS certification submitted to OMAA and financial membership with OMAA**) is now the standard for O&M Specialist service provision within the NDIS. See link here: <https://www.omaaustralasia.com/wp-content/uploads/FAQ-01.-Applying-for-ROMSA-v1.1-220401-7.pdf>
* When agencies are **audited as a part of the re-registration process** for the NDIS 3 year contract, **ROMSA standard is now the expectation for re-registration**.  As per letter statement and verification reference at end of this email.
* NDIS/A have been in the process of refining systems since last year.  This continues, and expectations are becoming more refined and enforced in general.
* All O&M Specialist providers, including Independent O&M Specialists, **need to be a ROMSA to meet the new criteria**
* Continue to use the **other professions** line at this point no change has occurred with this
* OMAA Executive is awaiting a **pending meeting with NDIS/A** regarding transition periods, pricing, line item, and other questions not able to be answered by the Commission.



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#### Definition O&M Specialist and link to NDIS Verification information:

#### “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.”

#### See: [Verification module | NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission](https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/rules-and-standards/ndis-practice-standards/verification-module) attachment: Verification module required documentation:NDIS Practice Standards

Helpful Contacts:

If you have any queries regarding the NDIS recent changes to O&M status and recognition and OMAAs role in this please email: ndis.romsa@omaaustralasia.com

If you have any ROMSA process and registration queries please email: registrar@omaaustralasia.com

If you have any general queries for the OMAA team please email: 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)