

## Special Framework 4 - Under AMDRAS cl 16(c)

AMA Leading Mediator Special Framework

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### Special Framework – Leading Mediator

*Australian Mediation Association has proposed a special framework for accreditation of registered practitioners as Leading Mediators.*

*Until **30 June 2031**, A person may apply for accreditation as a Leading Mediator under AMDRAS if the applicant:*

- A. NMA / AMDRAS Accreditation for at least 10 years, evidenced by providing details of accreditation and re-accreditation*
- B. At least 400 practice hours since being accredited, and at least 250 hours in the preceding six years. Practice hours are evidenced by lodging documentation outlining hours over the required time frames.*
- C. Has completed a Practicum Certificate workshop, evidenced by a Certificate issued by a RAP or RTP, or having been given Advanced Mediator Accreditation by an alternate pathway, as evidenced by RAP or RTP confirmation.*
- D. Submits written references from at least one independent practitioner with at least 8 years' experience on the national register, and at least one other person able to attest to the applicant's leadership and pre-eminence in mediation practice (generally, or within a particular field or region).*
- E. Submits documentation containing submissions and evidence in support of the Applicant's practice for consideration as a Leading Mediator under the following headings. (Note. Submissions should be anonymised for confidentiality.):*
  - (i) **Structured Reflective Practice and Supervision:** The Applicant may demonstrate participation in structured reflective practice (details of practice need to be provided). They must show how they have participated in professional supervision over their years of accreditation either as a participant or as supervisor. They should have been acting as a formal supervisor for at least 20 hours before making the application. (Evidence*

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*through supervision contracts /documentation and /or testimonials from supervisors/supervisees)*

- (ii) **Mentoring / Coaching of Mediators:** *The Applicant may have formally supervised under a structured contract at least two mediators. The supervisory relationship should have been of at least of six months in duration and having at least 12 supervision hours within that time frame. (Evidence by supervision log or diary entry or confirmation of supervisees through testimonial). The Applicant must have coached on at least two accredited NMAS /AMDRAS Training Courses or at least 36 hours of coaching. (Evidenced by confirmation of participation by relevant RTP or RAP).*
- (iii) **Thought Leadership:** *The Applicant may demonstrate a leading role in the development of mediation practice in Australia by publishing books, refereed articles, case studies, videos or podcasts on research or practice and /or presenting at relevant National or International conferences. (Evidence : copies of links to published works , conference program details and paper/slides of presentation).*

*If successful, the Applicant will be appointed Leading Mediator. To continue to retain the Leading Mediator accreditation they will need to meet all the relevant AMDRAS requirements each time they seek re accreditation.*

*If unsuccessful, the Applicant will receive feedback on what aspects of their submission was not sufficient and why . They will be eligible to reapply for the Leading Mediator accreditation six months from the date they receive the panel's decision.*