

**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**

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| 1pm    | Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and introduction to event<br><b><i>Melanie Walker, CEO, AADC</i></b>   |
| 1:05pm | Disability Support Pension – focusing on the application process and use of Impairment Tables<br><b><i>Alex Abel, Branch Manager, Carers, Disability and Student Payments, Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS)</i></b>   |
| 1:25pm | Mutual obligations for unemployment payment recipients while undertaking drug or alcohol treatment<br><b><i>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)</i></b>   |
| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathan Dean, Director, Carers and Disability Payments Policy Section <u>and</u> Sara Morris, Assistant Director, Disability Support Pension Projects Section, DSS</li> <li>• Andrew Wright, Director, Mutual Obligation and Compliance Policy <u>and</u> Dan Lausevic, Director, Assessments and Mutual Obligations, DEWR</li> <li>• Donald Wolters, Assistant Director, Disability Pension and Parenting Payments Branch <u>and</u> Jenny Rohan, Assistant Director/Psychologist, Assessment Services, Smart Centre Operations Division, Services Australia</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• Toni Eachus, Operations Manager and Deputy CEO, Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services, QLD</li> <li>• Rebecca Lang, Deputy Chair, AADC Board and CEO, Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies (QNADA)</li> </ul> <b><i>Forum Chair: Melanie Walker, CEO, AADC</i></b> |
| 2:30pm | Close  |

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