

Recognition of parallel accreditation standards

Policy statement

1. Purpose

To guide jurisdictions in their recognition of parallel accreditation systems and their assessment of advanced standing status.

2. Background

The Council recognises that community housing providers may be subject to different accreditation systems depending on the range of services they provide. Applying for accreditation under these different systems represents a burden and may be a deterrent to voluntary accreditation.

It is the Council's position that community housing organisations should be assisted through an advanced standing status that exempts them from providing specific information. Organisations seeking such status will demonstrate how they have already met the specific criteria and will provide information on the parallel system under which they have been accredited.

3. Key principles underlying the recognition of parallel accreditation systems

- Where possible recognition that a National Community Housing Standard has been met under a generic standard in a parallel system should be made.

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