

Communication to Provisionally Accredited Providers

As a provider that is provisionally accredited as an Access point and/or as a Digital Capability Publisher (DCP), this update lets you know what progress is being made towards publishing the full accreditation process. Firstly, we accept that this is taking longer than we would have liked. This is because we need to be sure that we get the governance around the process right so that we minimise the operational risk to service providers and their customers.

We are aiming to finalise the accreditation process on or before 31 March 2017. This allows for a final review by stakeholders (including you).

The accreditation process will be based on a declaration by you to an accreditation authority in the form of a deed poll. There are some legal considerations in establishing that authority and this has taken longer to resolve than we had hoped. One complicating but necessary factor is that the accreditation authority needs to be “portable”; this means that it could be carried out by someone other than the DBC or the ATO at some future point. There is a risk to the 31 March 2017 date: that risk is associated with the outcome of the final consultation process.

Once the accreditation process is published then you will be able to accredit as an Access Point but not yet as a DCP. This is because the current DCL is an alpha version for which the publication process is manual. DCP accreditation would need an automated publication process which will be incorporated into the beta version.

[We have commenced the procurement process for the DCL.](#) The target date for a first production pilot version is 8 May 2017. This version can be used for DCPs to test and accredit. We expect to develop a final production pilot for 3 July 2017. The final production pilot can be used for live transactions. These dates depend upon the current procurement activities to select a systems integrator to build the DCL and on the plan agreed with the systems integrator.

We will provide you with progress updates every week by sending you an e-mail with a link to this closed community.