

Frequently asked questions – Automatic mutual recognition (AMR)

What is AMR?

The automatic mutual recognition of occupational registrations (AMR) scheme was initiated by the federal government to cut red tape for individual occupational licence holders when working in other states or territories.

If you are eligible for the scheme, you will be required to lodge an automatic mutual recognition notification about your intention to work in the Northern Territory (NT). There is no fee associated with this notification, and you will not be required to apply for a NT licence or registration.

If you require a NT occupational licence or registration the mutual recognition process and relevant fees still applies.

What states and territories have implemented the AMR scheme?

All states and territories, except for Queensland are involved in the AMR scheme.

Workers who hold a Queensland licence are unable to apply under AMR in the NT and will be required to apply under mutual recognition or as a new applicant.

What occupational licences are covered under AMR in the NT?

- Security officer and/or crowd controller
- Gaming machine repairer and/or manager
- Casino operative
- Commercial and/or private agent
- Bookmaker key employee
- Property Agents
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Surveyors
- Architects
- Building licence

My licence or registration category is not listed under AMR?

If your licence category does not fall under the licence categories listed above AMR does not apply. You will be required to apply for an NT licence or registration.

Do I need to notify my intention to work in the NT?

Yes, you are required to lodge a notification of your intent to work in the NT. You must hold a current registration or licence in your home state or territory to undertake the activities you intend to carry out here.

What does it cost to apply under AMR?

There is no fee associated with the AMR notification.

Is AMR replacing mutual recognition?

No, AMR is not replacing mutual recognition. If you require a NT licence or registration you will be required to apply under mutual recognition or as a new applicant. Fees may apply.

Will I receive a NT licence?

No, you will not receive a NT licence. Once you receive your acknowledgment letter from us you can work under your current home state or territory registration or licence and conditions.

Will my NT AMR notification expire?

Your NT AMR notification is only valid for the duration of your home state licence or registration. If your home state licence or registration expires, is cancelled or suspended you no longer hold deemed registration in the NT.

I have renewed my home state or territory licence do I need to submit a new notification?

If you have renewed your home state or territory licence or registration you will need to provide notification and a copy of your updated licence or registration to this office immediately to ensure your deemed registration continues.

Do I need to notify if I have changed my address or contact details?

Yes, you need to notify the licensing team of any changes to your address or contact details in writing immediately.

I have moved to the NT, can I still work under AMR?

No, once you change your primary residential address to the NT you will be required to apply under mutual recognition or as a new applicant. Fees may apply.

Can a company apply under AMR?

No, under AMR only individuals or sole traders can apply.

How can I check if someone is licensed in the NT?

A public register is available on the AMR webpage, alternatively please contact the licensing team 08 8999 1800 for further information.

Can I apply if I have been subject to any criminal, civil or disciplinary action?

If you have been subject to any criminal, civil or disciplinary action you may not be eligible for automatic mutual recognition. Please contact the licensing team 08 8999 1800 for further information.

What happens if I am working in the NT under AMR, and I become subject to any criminal, civil or disciplinary action?

If there are any changes to your home state licence, registration or licence conditions, including if your licence is suspended, cancelled or any disciplinary action commences, you must notify the licensing team 08 8999 1800 immediately.

What happens if I do not comply with the NT AMR notification requirements?

If you do not comply with the relevant NT legislation, codes of practices or your licence conditions, your entitlement to working in the NT can be suspended or cancelled.