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## PRACTICES & SURVEYORS LOSE IMMUNITY FOR ACCREDITATION

With the introduction of accreditation, accrediting agencies were required to have a Ministerial Declaration under Part VC of the Health Insurance Act 1973. This declaration provided both surveyors and practices with some legal protections in conducting activities relating to accreditation.

Practices and surveyors should inform themselves of the changes and if necessary, seek legal advice or further information from their accrediting agency. The relevant act is available [here](#).

With the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care assuming responsibility for the National General Practice Accreditation Scheme (NGPAS) applications for a Ministerial Declaration have been rejected, with the Commission arguing against the applications.

Practices should be aware of the changes to accreditation for general practice that impose higher responsibilities for practices, surveyors, and agencies.

In light of these changes QPA is requiring that all surveyors now are engaged under a contract of employment. This employment provides for professional indemnity insurance.