

A 'non-credentialled' diabetes educator:

- IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN DIABETES EDUCATION ON A YEARLY BASIS
- IS NOT RECOGNISED BY MEDICARE AUSTRALIA OR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND SERVICES PROVIDED CANNOT BE CLAIMED THROUGH MEDICARE (unless the health professional is also an endorsed nurse practitioner).

Recognition as a CDE is ADEA's assurance to people with or at risk of diabetes, their families, carers and health care providers that they can expect to receive quality diabetes education and advice from experts in diabetes education.

To have a chat about your diabetes with a CDE contact:

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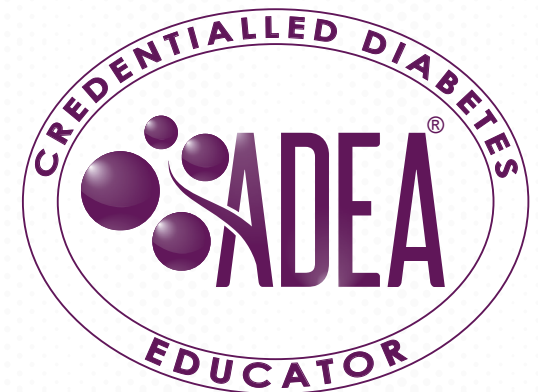


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Consulting a  
Credentialled  
Diabetes Educator  
(CDE) or a diabetes  
educator?

What is the  
difference?



## DIABETES EDUCATION

Diabetes education should be offered to all people diagnosed with diabetes or at risk of diabetes, their families, carers and health care providers to ensure effective self-care management.

Many health professionals provide diabetes education but how do you know that the person providing that education has the knowledge and skills to provide high quality education.

**Credentialed Diabetes Educator® (CDE)** is a registered trademark that provides recognition that the diabetes educator is highly qualified and educated in diabetes self-management.

The Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA) grants status as a CDE to health care professionals, in recognition of demonstrated experience and expertise in diabetes education and commitment to professional development and ongoing learning.

Only recognised health professionals who have met the ADEA's expected standards are granted the right to be a CDE.

## A Credentialed Diabetes Educator:

- **MUST BE A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL** (from primary disciplines recognised as eligible by ADEA)
- **HAS UNDERTAKEN POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN DIABETES EDUCATION** (through an ADEA accredited university course)
- **HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST 1000 HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE IN DIABETES EDUCATION**
- **HAS PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST SIX MONTHS OF MENTORING WITH A QUALIFIED CDE** (ADEA mentors are qualified by ADEA to be a mentor to ensure a high standard of support and education is provided to the diabetes educator)
- **HAS PROVIDED ADEA WITH A REFEREE REPORT THAT CONFIRMS THAT THEY HAVE MET THE ADEA NATIONAL CORE COMPETENCIES AS A CDE**
- **UNDERTAKES AN ANNUAL RECREDENTIALLING PROCESS** (including at least 20 hours of professional development in areas of clinical, management and research specific to the role of diabetes education)

### Services provided by a Credentialed Diabetes Educator are:

Recognised by Medicare Australia and the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as some Private Health Insurers.

A 'non-credentialed' diabetes educator may also be able to provide diabetes education to people with diabetes or at risk of diabetes.

## A 'non-credentialed' diabetes educator:

- **MAY BE A STUDENT WORKING TOWARDS THEIR CREDENTIALLING**
- **MAY BE A MEMBER OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSION WHO HAS SKILLS IN PROVIDING DIABETES EDUCATION**
- **MAY HAVE UNDERTAKEN A COURSE ON DIABETES EDUCATION** (The course may not be an ADEA accredited postgraduate course that provides evidence based education).
- **MAY HAVE WORKED IN CLINICAL PRACTICE PROVIDING DIABETES EDUCATION** (Many health professionals work with people with diabetes and have clinical experience in diabetes. They are not recognised for these skills and training by ADEA).
- **MAY HAVE BEEN MENTORED BY ANOTHER DIABETES EDUCATOR** (Many health professionals are mentored by others. Mentors have not been assessed by criteria nor has the mentoring partnership followed the evidence -based ADEA mentoring program).