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# Glossary

AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
ADR	Alternative dispute resolution
Affirm	If the Tribunal affirms a decision under review, the original decision stands (is unchanged).
Alternative dispute resolution	A process for resolving a dispute, other than at a hearing. The AAT employs five processes: conference, conciliation, mediation, case appraisal and neutral evaluation.
Applicant	The person, organisation, department or agency that has lodged an application with the AAT.
Application for extension of time	An application for review of a decision must be lodged with the AAT within a certain time limit. However, an application may be made to extend the time for lodging an application.
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
APS	Australian Public Service
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
AVS	Australian Valuation Solutions
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Case appraisal	An alternative dispute resolution process conducted by an AAT member or other person, chosen on the basis of their knowledge of the subject matter, who assists the parties to resolve the dispute by providing a non-binding opinion on the facts in dispute and likely outcomes.
COAT	Council of Australasian Tribunals
Conciliation	An alternative dispute resolution process in which an AAT member or Conference Registrar assists the parties to identify the issues in dispute and endeavour to reach an agreement. The conciliator has no determinative role but may advise on or determine the conciliation process, make suggestions on terms of settlement and actively encourage the parties to reach an agreement.
Conference	A meeting conducted by an AAT member or Conference Registrar with the parties and/or their representatives. Conferences provide an opportunity to discuss and define the issues in dispute, identify further evidence that may be gathered, explore whether the matter can be settled and discuss the future conduct of the matter.
Confidentiality order	The Tribunal may make an order directing that a hearing or part of a hearing be held in private. The Tribunal may also give directions prohibiting or restricting the publication or other disclosure of information tending to reveal the identity of a party or witness, evidence given before the Tribunal or matters contained in documents lodged with the AAT.
CSS	Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

Directions hearing	A hearing to deal with procedural matters such as the exchange of statements or documents, to clarify issues relating to the conduct of a hearing or to progress a matter in which there has been delay by a party. Directions hearings are conducted by AAT members.
Dismissal of application	The Tribunal may, in certain circumstances, dismiss an application without proceeding to review the decision. An application may be dismissed, for example, at the request of the parties, if the applicant fails to appear at an ADR process, directions hearing or hearing, or if the Tribunal is satisfied that the application is frivolous or vexatious.
GST	Goods and Services Tax
Hearing	The occasion at which the parties may present to the Tribunal evidence and submissions in relation to the decision under review. Parties may call witnesses to give evidence. A hearing is conducted by one, two or three members.
IASAJ	International Association of Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions
Interlocutory application	Any application made by a party that relates to an application for review of a decision, including an application for an extension of time to lodge an application, to stay the operation of the decision under review or for a confidentiality order.
Mediation	An alternative dispute resolution process during which an AAT member or Conference Registrar assists the parties to identify the issues in dispute, develop options, consider alternatives and endeavour to reach an agreement. The mediator has no advisory or determinative role in relation to the content of the dispute but may advise on or determine the mediation process.
MRT	Migration Review Tribunal
NAATI	National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters
NDIA	National Disability Insurance Agency
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
Neutral evaluation	An alternative dispute resolution process in which an AAT member or other person, chosen on the basis of their knowledge of the subject matter, assists the parties to resolve the dispute by evaluating the facts and law at issue in the dispute and providing a non-binding opinion on the likely outcomes.
NOOT	Negotiating Outcomes on Time competition held by the AAT for university law students.
OPA	Official Public Account
Outreach	An AAT program that provides self-represented parties with information about AAT practices and procedures and other assistance in the review process.
Party	A participant in the proceedings before the AAT. A party can be the person who makes the application, the decision-maker or other respondent to the application and any other person joined to the proceedings.
Party joined	A person, department or agency whose interests are affected by a decision under review may be made a party to the proceeding by order of the Tribunal. This person, department, or agency is a party joined.
PBS	Portfolio Budget Statements which are prepared to explain the Budget appropriations for agencies within a portfolio in terms of outcomes and programs.
PSPF	Protective Security Policy Framework

PSS	Public Sector Superannuation Scheme
PSSap	Public Sector Superannuation accumulation plan
RRT	Refugee Review Tribunal
Remit	The Tribunal may set aside a decision and remit it (send it back) to the original decision-maker to be reconsidered in accordance with any directions or recommendations of the Tribunal.
Respondent	The party who responds to or answers an application; usually the department, agency or organisation that made the original decision.
Section 37 Documents	The statement and documents that a decision-maker must provide to the AAT and the other party under section 37 of <i>Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975</i> . They are generally known as the 'T Documents' and include the reasons for the decision under review and all other relevant documents.
Set aside	The Tribunal may set aside a decision under review. The effect is that the Tribunal disagrees with the original decision and may make a new decision or remit the matter (send it back) to the original decision-maker.
SSAT	Social Security Appeals Tribunal
Stay order	An order of the AAT to suspend the operation or implementation of the decision under review until the matter is determined or resolved.
Summons	A notice issued by the AAT calling a person to appear before it to give evidence or to produce documents to it.
STCT	Small Taxation Claims Tribunal
TRACS	The AAT's electronic case management system.
Vary	The Tribunal may vary a decision under review. This means that the Tribunal changes or alters the original decision.
VRB	Veterans' Review Board

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