



## **UNDERSTANDING THE NEW STRUCTURE**

### **WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?**

#### I have no coaching accreditation, and little or no playing experience

(Remainder of 2006) Contact your State or Territory Association for information on grassroots coach education events

(From Jan 1, 2007) Through your local club/association, enrol on an FFA GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL CERTIFICATE, which will be conducted at your local venue. Clubs and local Associations will book these courses.

- OR Via the FFA website, enrol on an FFA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CERTIFICATE (the GRASSROOTS CERTIFICATE will not be a pre-requisite for entry to the JUNIOR, but will provide excellent preparation for it.)

#### I have an FFA Junior Licence.

Keep this accreditation, if that suits your level of coaching.

- OR Continue to progress up the COMMUNITY PATHWAY till you reach the level that suits you.
- OR If you believe you are a candidate for the ADVANCED PATHWAY, apply for entry to a C Certificate.
- OR Gain the Youth or Senior Certificate before applying for entry to a C Certificate.

#### I have an FFA Youth Licence.

Keep this accreditation, if that suits your level of coaching.

- OR Continue to progress up the COMMUNITY PATHWAY by gaining a Senior Certificate.
- OR If you believe you are a candidate for the ADVANCED PATHWAY, apply for entry to a C Certificate.
- OR Gain the Senior Certificate before applying for entry to a C Certificate.

### I have an FFA Senior Licence

You will be automatically accredited with a C Certificate and can either:

Keep this accreditation

OR Apply for entry to the B Certificate course.

### I have an FFA State Licence

You will be automatically accredited with a B Certificate, and can either:

Keep this accreditation

OR Apply for entry to the A Certificate course.

### I have an FFA National Licence

You will be automatically accredited with an A Certificate, and can either:

Keep this accreditation

OR Apply for entry to the A Certificate course for professional development / refresher.

OR Apply for entry into the AFC Pro Diploma (this is a 380-hour course, and is for coaches of professional / elite clubs or those attached to national teams.)

### I have no coaching accreditation, but have significant playing experience

If your interest is in Community coaching, enrol on an FFA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CERTIFICATE.

OR If your ambition is to become a pro or semi-pro coach, apply for entry to the C Certificate course. Playing experience is one of the main criteria for acceptance on the C certificate. (Note: depending on experience, you may be required to complete an FFA Junior Certificate prior to acceptance on the C course.)

### I am an ex-National Team player and I want to get involved in pro coaching

If you have represented Australia at Senior Team level, you can be exempted from the C Certificate and apply for entry to the B course. However, the C course is recommended as preparation for the B.