



River Styles Accreditation Procedure

An accreditation framework for River Styles work has been developed to ensure quality control. The authority for granting River Styles accreditation rests with the developers of the framework, Professor Gray Brierley and Professor Kirstie Fryirs.

The following guidelines have been established for individuals applying principles from the River Styles work. By doing the 5-day Professional River Styles Short Course and passing the assessment, participants will be accredited in the following way:

Provisional River Styler

Definition: A provisional licence is given to you by Macquarie University upon satisfactory completion of the River Styles Short Course and its assessment. It allows you to start doing a River Styles assessment under the supervision of an Accredited River Styler or mentor. Guidance can be gained via informal correspondence with the developers of the River Styles framework.

Action: Satisfactory completion of the River Styles Short Course.

Comment: Those individuals with Provisional River Styler status are permitted to use the principles taught in the River Styles Short Course in their work. If they are not completing a full River Styles assessment, the introductory sections of the report should state: "...using principles and technology of the River Styles Framework developed by Gary Brierley and Kirstie Fryirs at Macquarie University".

Accredited River Styler

Definition: An accredited River Styler will be confirmed in writing by Macquarie University after successful completion of the River Styles Short Course and completion of a satisfactory River Styles Report (see www.riverstyles.com for details about report structure). This accreditation allows you to complete further assessments of Stage One of the River Styles Framework unsupervised, and to use the registered trademark, River Styles. However, your first River Styles Report must be reviewed to gain accredited status (see separate document on report requirements).

Action: The first River Styles Report must be completed under the guidance of an accredited River Styler or via informal correspondence with the developers of the River Styles Framework. On completion, the River Styles Report must be submitted for review and approval. The report must contain the essential components of a River Styles Report as set out in the documentation available at www.riverstyles.com. An expert review fee will be charged for the review, depending on the length of the report and the time it will take to review. Requests for quotes can be made at riverstyles@mq.edu.au.

Outcome: On satisfactory completion of their first River Styles Report, the individual is now accredited and can undertake subsequent River Styles reports unsupervised. However, to retain their status, the individual is responsible for keeping up to date with any changes in the Framework or procedures. They will also be able to supervise a provisional licence holder.