

Forensic AOD Assessments Available to the Court

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Program Type	Program Name	Eligibility Criteria	Referral Process	Location/Contact
<p>Pre-sentence</p> <p>Assessed pre-sentence and report is provided to the Court to inform sentencing decisions</p>	<p>COATS Pre-Sentence Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client must be in remand or bail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magistrate or Judge requires a comprehensive AOD assessment report to assist decision on sentencing options Treatment is not being sought at this stage Magistrate, Judge, Court staff send a Request For AOD Assessment Report with summary of charges to COATS COATS contacts client to arrange assessment (custody or ACSO) Comprehensive AOD Assessment Report provided to court within 5 days. 	<p>COATS-CSU 1 Hoddle St Richmond Victoria 3121</p> <p>OR</p> <p>intake@acso.org.au</p>
<p>Post sentence</p> <p>Assessed pre-sentence and ensures a seamless and fast-tracked transition from assessment to treatment <u>post</u> sentencing</p>	<p>RAPIDS (Responsive Assessment Planning, Intervention and Diversion Service)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client must be under consideration for a CCO with an AOD assessment and treatment condition Client must demonstrate current high risk AOD use Client must be at high risk of harm to self or others from AOD issues Client presents with multiple/complex needs(mental illness/cognitive impairment) that reduce likelihood of engaging in treatment Client presents with multiple/complex needs(mental illness/cognitive impairment) that reduce likelihood of engaging in treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magistrate or Judge requests an assessment for a CCO with an AOD assessment and treatment condition CCS Court Assessor determines whether the offender meets the RAPIDS eligibility criteria, and if so, the CCS Court Assessor contacts RAPIDS for an assessment RAPIDS provides same day assessment (if referral received prior to 2:00pm) Assessment conducted at court (or police cell) and verbal outcome provided in court if requested by the Magistrate or Judge Report provided to CCS and treatment agency within 2 days of assessment No written report provided to the Court. 	<p>ACSO Head Office: (03) 9413-7000 for RAPIDS Assessment*</p> <p>Please note: Whilst RAPIDS clients get priority entry into treatment, we are limited by what treatment is available in the sector. Where there are waiting lists, RAPIDS clients will be prioritised, provided bridging support or counselling until beds in residential facilities become available.</p> <p>*face-to-face assessment will be provided in metropolitan courts. Telephone and VideoLink assessments provided in regional court. If given 24 hours notice, a face-to-face assessment in regional courts can be requested.</p>
<p>Diversion</p> <p>Used to engage people in treatment prior to sentencing</p>	<p>ARC List (Assessment and Referral Court List)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client must have a mental illness and/or cognitive impairment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC List accepts referrals from magistrates, police, court staff, legal representatives, family or client ARC List case manager screens client for suitability for ARC List and submits referral to COATS if AOD issues are present COATS arrange an AOD assessment for client, either a DHHS approved Intake and Assessment provider, or by COATS (depending on availability) 	<p>ARC List: Located at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court</p>

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	CBSP (Credit Bail Support Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client must be eligible for bail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magistrate refers CBSP client CBSP case manager will refer client to COATS for an AOD assessment If the CBSP case manager is not accredited by DHHS to undertake AOD assessment, COATS will arrange an AOD assessment (DHHS approved Intake and Assessment provider, or by COATS) (depending on availability) 	CBSP Locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballarat Magistrates' Court Broadmeadows Magistrates' Court Dandenong Magistrates' Court Frankston Magistrates' Court Geelong Magistrates' Court Heidelberg Magistrates' Court Moorabbin Magistrates' Court Ringwood Magistrates' Court
	Koori Court Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client must be charged with an offence and on summons or bail and awaiting a hearing Client must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magistrate at Koori Court directs client to AOD assessment and treatment at a service provider that provides the Koori AOD Diversion Worker (KADDW) treatment (KADDW) submits referral KADDW – Court Diversion referral form to COATS, containing assessment appointment details KADDW provider conducts AOD assessment for client in the community or court. 	KADDW service providers throughout Victoria. For a provider in your area, please contact COATS Brokerage Team on 9413 7000 Please note KADDW is not available in all Courts
Non mandated diversion Used where there is no other formal diversion program located at the Court	Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client must be charged with an offence and on summons, bail or remand awaiting a bail hearing Client must not be on an Order or received a sentence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magistrates', Police, legal representatives, Court staff or family direct client to the local intake and assessment provider or some Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisation (ACCHO) to obtain an assessment 	COATS Brokerage For local intake and assessment provider contact: (03) 9413 7000