



## **BDA Retraction**

**This notice is to clarify the position for the use of the acronyms AMBDA, ATS or APS and requirements for tutors on courses.**

We appreciate that e-mail communications sent out over the summer with reference to CPD portfolios have led to a considerable amount of concern on the part of members, course organisers and professionals contributing to training.

### **Use of the acronyms AMBDA, ATS or APS**

The BDA wishes to stress that there is no intention either now or in the future to remove from anyone such an attribution once awarded.

E-mail communications sent this summer, stated incorrectly: 'in order to.... use the acronyms AMBDA or ATS you must complete a minimum of 15 hours of CPD over 3 years'.

The correct position is that individuals who have been awarded AMBDA [Associate Membership of the BDA], ATS [Approved Teacher Status] or APS [Approved Practitioner Status] will **retain** their AMBDA, ATS or APS award and **may continue to use the acronyms** AMBDA, ATS or APS.

As relates to CPD requirements: those holders who have not successfully completed their triennial CPD requirements will remain on the 'Supplemental' list. They should not represent themselves as being on the AMBDA, ATS or APS 'Active' list. These individuals may, however, come back onto the Active list at any time in the future, by following the Professional Development plan submission route, as outlined

### **Course Tutors or Assessors**

E-mail communications this summer stated incorrectly 'Only those on the Active list will be considered appropriate to teach or assess on courses leading to either AMBDA, ATS or APS.'

The correct position is that

- Tutors who observe teaching and/or assessment on AMBDA, ATS or APS courses must hold AMBDA **or** equivalent.
- It is not a requirement that to teach on such a course a tutor must hold AMBDA or that it be active AMBDA.

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