

Hello Anna Schneider Rumble,

I have read through the experienced adviser pathway as outlined in the Financial adviser education standards Consultation paper of August 2022.

Where I am struggling to comprehend the question of equity is around the 10yr full time experience rule window from 1 January 2004 to 1 January 2019.

I was authorised on the 9th November 2012 and have been working full time in the industry throughout this whole period up until now. My 10yr anniversary is just over 10 weeks from now.

How would I not meet the classification of being an Experienced Adviser under the same microscope? I have just the same experience and capability of delivering a professional financial advice service to clients as the other professionals.

I appreciate the window of 15yrs designed to allow for those that may have been part time or temporarily out of the industry through child rearing.

However it appears to me that I am being boxed in a separate category simply to assist the education institutions maintain their intake of students for the Graduate Diploma.

Ultimately it is the consumer that we all serve to protect. 10yrs of experience is 10yrs of experience.

If the proposal is to suggest 10yrs of experience up until 1 January 2019, then it really should be clear to suggest it's not 10yrs at all but rather, 13-14yrs experience up until today.

To that end, if practitioners have not been actively full time in the industry during the period since 1 January 2019 but still meet the 10yr rule as based around the 15yr window, this hardly seems appropriate as much has changed in the past 3½ years.

I firmly believe that this proposal is discriminatory to this end.

Thanks very much for the opportunity of lodging feedback.

Kindest regards

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