

USING THE BREAKING NEW GROUND STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS (BNG) PORTAL

- To prepare for ASES, your organisation will need to do a self-assessment against the ASES standards.
- The BNG Portal is an online tool that is there to help you with this self-assessment.
- To access the BNG Portal, you will need to obtain a subscription to the portal.
- As the SHS Quality Standards Portal – the part of the BNG website that most SHSs will be using –has been available since 2015, a sizeable number of SHSs already have subscriptions to the BNG Portal. These organisations can use their existing subscription.
- If your organisation has an annual income of \$5 million or less, you can obtain a subscription to the BNG Portal free-of-charge. To apply for a free subscription, go to the BNG website at this link: <https://spp.ngoservicesonline.com.au/portal/shs-quality-standards-portal-100> Click on the 'Apply' button on the web page and it will take you to an application form. Complete the application form and email it to the Industry Partnership at ASESsupport@homelessnessnsw.org.au Once the Industry Partnership has your completed application form, it will pay for your subscription and arrange for BNG to set up this subscription.
- If your organisation has an annual income over \$5 million, you will need to pay for your subscription to the BNG Portal. However, SHSs, which are members of one of the Industry Partnership peak organisations, are entitled to receive a 15% discount on the full price of a subscription to the portal. Information on pricing and packages for SHSs subscribing to the portal is available at this web page: <https://spp.ngoservicesonline.com.au/portal/shs-quality-standards-portal> You can obtain and pay for a subscription to the BNG Portal, directly through BNG, by clicking on the 'Subscribe' button on the same web page.
- Once you subscribe to the BNG Portal, BNG will give your organisation a unique log-in that your staff can use to access the portal. The portal can be accessed at: <https://spp.ngoservicesonline.com.au/signin>
- Using the BNG Portal is not compulsory. An alternative to completing your organisation's self-assessment on the BNG Portal is to do the self-assessment using the ASES Certificate Level Workbook in Microsoft Word. However, we recommend that you use the BNG Portal because it enables you to store all your evidence in one place and easily access it. The BNG Portal is also likely to be updated more quickly, when any changes are made to the ASES, than the Workbook.
- **If you have questions regarding the BNG Portal, or need support to use it, please contact the BNG team on (02) 95691704 or at team@bngonline.com.au**

MAPPED OR UNMAPPED VERSION OF THE ASES? How to choose

You will need to choose whether to self-assess against either the ‘mapped’ or ‘unmapped’ version of the ASES in the BNG Portal.

The mapped version may be a better option for organisations that:

- are required to comply with multiple sets of standards (that is, they have some form of accreditation besides ASES); or
- have already loaded recent or current evidence onto the BNG Portal.

The unmapped version may be more suited to organisations that:

- do not already have some other form of accreditation in addition to ASES; or
- are prepared to re-load their evidence onto the BNG Portal; or
- have not yet used the BNG Portal and have not loaded any evidence.

The table below may help you to decide whether to use the mapped or unmapped version.

Do I use the Mapped or Unmapped version of ASES on the BNG Portal?		
Circumstances	Mapped	Unmapped
My organisation is required to comply with multiple sets of standards, and we intend to do all the self-assessments using the BNG Portal	✓	
My organisation is required to comply with multiple sets of standards, but we prefer to do the ASES self-assessment as a stand-alone assessment so that we can refer to the official ASES Evidence Guide more easily		✓
Most of the evidence on BNG has been updated in the last 6 months	✓	
I want my self-assessment to reflect the wording and order of the official ASES Evidence Guide so that we can refer to the Guide as we complete the questions		✓
I still want access to all BNG’s templates, reports and support	✓	✓
I would like our evidence to be uploaded on the BNG Portal and to be available to us in the future	✓	✓
I don’t need my ASES evidence linked to other standards		✓
I prefer a more streamlined self-assessment that only asks questions that are in the ASES standards		✓
Although I am using the BNG Portal, I would also like to use the ASES Certificate Level Workbook as an aid in the self-assessment (for example, to make brief notes of performance against ASES requirements before self-assessing on the BNG Portal).	✓	