



Help build a safer,  
stronger, disability sector by  
becoming a registered  
disability worker

## Become a registered disability worker

Registration is free, voluntary and demonstrates a commitment to providing safe and quality services to people with disability in Victoria.

Disability worker registration provides additional checks to the NDIS Worker Screening Check by also assessing a worker's skills and experience and setting continuing professional development standards.

### What do workers need to register?

There are three registration standards that applicants must meet:

1. Communication – Competency to communicate in English
2. Criminal history – A **free** criminal history check will be done during the registration assessment\*\*
3. Continuing professional development – All registered workers must complete 10 hours of continuing professional development each year.

Please see the reverse for experience and qualification requirements for registration.

### How to register:

Applications can be made online on the Victorian Disability Worker Commission website:  
[www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/get-registered](http://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/get-registered)



To register you will need to:

- Prove your identity with current ID documents\*
- Agree to a **free** national police check\*\*
- Provide details and relevant documents demonstrating your qualifications and/or experience as a disability worker.

If you have any questions before starting your application please call our Registration team on 1800 497 132 or email: [registration@vdwc.vic.gov.au](mailto:registration@vdwc.vic.gov.au)

\* If you have stored your verified identity with Service Victoria then you won't need to prove your identity again.

\*\* If you already have a NDIS Worker Screening ID number you can provide this when you apply. You won't need to undergo a national police check again.

# Who can register?

## Disability support workers



### Registered Victorian disability support worker

Disability support workers provide direct support to people with disability or supervise this work.

You can register based on your qualifications **OR** your experience.

#### Qualification(s)

To register based on qualification(s) you must have:

- a Certificate III or higher in Individual Support, Disability or a related field, **and**
- relevant work experience providing disability services (may include placement hours completed as part of a relevant qualification), **or**
- training as a disability worker *equivalent* to Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability), **and**
- relevant work experience providing disability services.

#### Work experience

To register based on professional experience you must have:

- at least 1,440 hours of relevant work experience providing disability services over the past 10 years.

#### Combination of qualifications and relevant experience

To register based on qualifications and relevant experience you must have:

- a qualification in community services, health or a related field that is relevant to your experience providing disability services, **and**
- at least 120 hours of relevant work experience providing *disability services*.

## Disability practitioners



### Registered Victorian disability practitioner

Disability practitioners are disability workers with advanced skills, experience and qualifications.

#### Qualification(s)

To register based on qualification(s) you must have:

- a relevant tertiary qualification\* at Diploma level or higher in a professional discipline that supports people with disability, such as allied health or social work, **and**
- relevant work experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner, **and**
- professional registration (if required to practice the profession in which you are qualified).

\*or equivalent training where training rather than a tertiary qualification was required to gain professional registration to practice the profession.

#### Professional experience

To register based on professional experience you must have:

- professional registration (if required to practice), **and**
- at least 1,440 hours of relevant specialist, professional experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner over the past 10 years.

#### Combination of qualifications and relevant experience

To register based on qualifications and relevant experience you must have:

- a qualification in a professional discipline that supports people with disability that is relevant to your specialist experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner, **and**
- at least 120 hours of relevant professional experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner.

Qualifications in disciplines such as community services, counselling, youth work, psychology, childcare, education and health will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please get in touch to discuss.