

# NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce Advice Fact Sheet: Providers

### What did the Taskforce recommend for providers?

The NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce (the Taskforce) recommends:

- Not all providers as currently defined in the legislation should be registered, an example of the providers who would not be registered are mainstream retailers (Recommendation 1).
  - The legislation currently defines a NDIS provider to be anyone who receives NDIS funding that is not a participant.
- A legislative framework to support the recommended registration model with 4 types of registration based on risk (Recommendation 3).
- Platform providers should be registered (Recommendation 4).
- **Group Homes** should be subject to unannounced visits (Recommendation 5).
- All providers of **Supported Independent Living (SIL) and Home and Living supports** should be registered under the current registration model within the next 12 months **(Recommendation 5)**.
- Strengthened Provider Obligations with focus on increasing the quality of support in the sector. These obligations relate to the Code of Conduct, worker screening requirements, complaints and incident reporting, and performance measurements (Recommendation 8).
- Strengthened or new provider processes to enforce provider obligations including Code of Conduct and worker screening attestations, suitability assessment of provider and key personnel and ongoing monitoring and compliance (**Recommendation 9**).
- Establishment of a Worker Registration Scheme (Recommendation 10).
- Recognition of allied health practitioners for the recommended worker registration scheme for those who hold professional registration in their field **(Recommendation 11)**.



## What did the Taskforce say should happen next?

#### Registration for SIL and Home and Living Supports

The Taskforce recommend the registration of all providers of SIL and Home and Living supports under the current registration model within the next 12 months.

#### Design and consultation

The Taskforce recommended further consultation and co-design with the disability community to develop and implement their recommendations. This includes consultation on the provider risk framework, provider definition, improving and confirming provider obligations and provider processes in the registration model.

The Taskforce recommendations are currently being considered by the Government. It will take time to develop and implement these changes.

Consultation opportunities on a new NDIS registration model will be communicated by the Department of Social Services and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission.

You may wish to subscribe to receive updates on the NDIS reforms at the <u>Department of Social</u> <u>Services website</u>.

#### Read the full Advice

You can read the Taskforce Advice at the <u>Department of Social Services</u>, <u>NDIS Provider and</u> <u>Worker Registration Taskforce website</u>.