

NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce Advice

Fact Sheet: Workers

What did the Taskforce recommend for workers?

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

- **A Worker Registration Scheme is introduced for all workers (Recommendation 10).**
 - The Taskforce outlined a number of areas the Worker Registration Scheme should cover including a public register of workers, requirements for professional development, and a worker training and qualifications framework.
 - The Taskforce advised the definition and scope of “worker” needs to be considered and co-designed.
- **A legislative framework** to support the recommended **worker registration framework** be developed and should be co-designed (**Implementation Action 14**).
- **NDIS worker screening** would apply to all workers employed, contracted or engaged by NDIS providers in **risk assessed roles** in the recommended **Advanced and General Provider Registration** categories (**Recommendation 8**).
- **Recognition of professional registration** for practitioners and allied health professionals in the Worker Registration Scheme (**Recommendation 11**).

NDIS Worker Screening

- The Taskforce **does not** recommend that workers employed or engaged by NDIS providers in the **Basic** registration category or **Self-Directed** category undertake mandatory Worker Screening.
- The Taskforce has not proposed changes to the substance of the Worker Screening Check but have recommended:
 - information sharing is improved between the Australian Government and states and territories.
 - culturally safe rules or procedures be developed to meet identification requirements for First Nations peoples.

What did the Taskforce say should happen next?

The Taskforce recommends further consultation on some elements of their advice, this includes consultation and co-design, with people with disability, the disability sector, workers and their union representatives on the definition of worker and legislative framework.

It is important to note that 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 [Department of Social Services website](#).

You can read the Taskforce Advice at the [Department of Social Services, NDIS Provider and Worker Registration Taskforce website](#).