



Victorian Disability
Worker Commission

Update from the Commissioner

We are now only one month out from the launch of disability worker registration.

Registration ensures Victoria's disability workers are independently assessed as safe, skilled, and professional, no matter how they are funded or employed. Voluntary registration of disability workers will start on 1 July 2021.

You'll be able to check quickly and easily online to see if a worker is registered from later this year.

To make sure you're well informed, we've released a whole suite of new resources about registration which you can find on the [Victorian Disability Worker Commission website](#).

Workers that are not registered are still required to abide by a Code of Conduct. This provides a standard to protect people using disability services from harm and abuse.

This month I have issued my first interim prohibition order, effective from 4 May 2021. A prohibition order stops a person from being able to lawfully practise as a disability worker due to serious misconduct. The Order is publicly available at: <https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/prohibition-orders>.



The Victorian Disability Worker Commission continues to provide an independent complaints service. The Commission has a 'no wrong door' approach and can take and investigate complaints about any Victorian disability worker, no matter how they are funded. You can make a complaint or notification via our [online form](#) or call 1800 497 132 between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

What's on:

- We're holding a webinar on 3 June about disability worker registration. Invitations will be sent out very soon and you can read more information below.
- This year the Victorian Disability Worker Commission will sponsor the [VALID Having a Say Conference](#). I will be speaking at the conference and you can meet our staff at both our in-person and virtual booths between 15th and 17th June.

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn and let friends and colleagues know that they can subscribe to receive updates at www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/subscribe.

News and updates

Book now for the Registration webinar

The Victorian Disability Worker Commission in partnership with the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria invite you to join our webinar about disability worker registration.

The webinar will take place on **Thursday 3 June 2021 from 10am until 11am** and will cover a range of topics including the benefits of registration, the application process and the role of the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria.

There will be a live presentation, followed by an interactive Q&A session.

If you are a disability worker, a person with disability, disability service provider, part of a peak body, union or training facility or just interested in the registration of disability workers, please join us.

To register your interest, please visit the [Disability Worker Registration webinar Eventbrite page](#).

What you need to know about registration

Registration aims to increase safety for people using disability services by ensuring Victorian disability workers are independently assessed by the regulator, the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria as safe and competent professionals.

Applications for registration for the 2021/22 year open on 1 July 2021. Each registration year will start on 1 October and end 30 September in the following year.

For the first registration year (1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022) there is no registration fee, so there's no better time than now to join.

Disability workers can register in two divisions: registered disability practitioners and registered disability support workers. More information about the two registration divisions can be found in Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the [registration page of the Victorian Disability Worker Commission website](#).

There are three pathways available to applicants to qualify for registration as a disability worker if they apply before 30 September 2022. These are qualification, training, or professional experience pathways.

To qualify, applicants only need to meet the requirements of **one** of the pathways. More information about these pathways can be found on the [registration page of the Victorian Disability Worker Commission website](#).

To become registered, disability workers must have relevant qualifications, training or experience and also meet requirements on criminal history, continuing professional development and competency in English.

All disability workers must satisfy the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria that they are professionally competent as a disability worker.

Registered disability workers will be issued with a registration certificate. They will be able

to use the distinctive registration mark to promote their registration and that they have been independently assessed as safe and competent disability workers.

You can find out more about disability worker registration on the [Victorian Disability Worker Commission website](#).

Should you have any questions about registration, you can lodge them at info@vdwc.vic.gov.au.

Resources

New fact sheets and frequently asked questions are now available

New fact sheets and frequently asked questions about registration are now available on the Victorian Disability Worker Commission [resources hub](#).

You can find information about the benefits of registration, how to find a registered worker and how disability workers can apply to register.

We have 'About Us' and 'Complaints' fact sheets in a range of new translations, including Turkish, Hindi and Korean. This is in addition to our new Auslan videos, also found in the [resources hub](#).

If you can't find the resources you are looking for or have additional questions, you can contact us:

- at [our website](#)
- by phone on 1800 497 132 between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Keep in touch

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