



Update from the Commissioner

Welcome to our November eNewsletter.

There's a lot happening this month – please do read on.

In partnership with the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria, we are pleased to open the disability worker registration standards consultation.

In 2019, the Board undertook an initial consultation of the registration standards and decided it would review and amend the registration standards over time. Since the Scheme began, there has been significant developments in the disability sector so the time has come for a review.

We are asking for input from everyone. This includes people with disability, their families, disability workers, service providers, and others. By listening to you, we can improve the registration standards. We can make them more transparent for disability workers. By improving them, we believe more disability workers will choose to become registered. This will support better quality and safer services for people with disability.

More information about the consultation can be found below.

Disability worker registration standards



The Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria and the Commission are consulting to review the registration standards established in 2021. We seek your feedback on proposed

revisions to the standards to ensure they function effectively. The three standards under review are:

- Criminal history
- English language requirements
- Continuing professional development (also known as CPD)

To have your say on the proposed changes to the registration standards, we encourage you to read the consultation paper and the standards and:

- Complete the survey to answer the consultation questions, or
- Upload a video submission, or
- Send a written submission via email

You can find more information, all the required documents and links to participate in the consultation on our website: vdwc.vic.gov.au/registration-standards-consultation

The consultation is open from 11 November to 13 December 2024.

If you have any questions email consultation@vdwc.vic.gov.au or call (03) 9595 1044. One of our team members will get back to you.

Online information session

We are holding an online information session to provide an overview of the consultation, including why it is important we're reviewing the standards, and how you can participate.

At this session we welcome your questions about participating in the consultation. If you want to respond to the consultation questions, please provide feedback by completing the survey or providing a submission to us.

Date: Tuesday 19 November 2024

Time: 10am to 10.45am

[Click here](#) to register for the information session.

Strategic Plan

Strategic plan 2024–27



Want to know more about what the Commission and Board have planned?

Introducing our Strategic Plan 2024 - 27

The Commission together with the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria is pleased to present our strategic plan. The plan sets out how the Board and the Commission will implement our priorities for 2024–27.

The Commission and Board look forward to continuing to engage with the disability sector in ensuring the Scheme delivers for the community and builds a safer, stronger sector.

To read the plan [click here](#).
An [accessible version](#) is also available.

Upcoming events

The Melbourne Disability Expo

We are pleased to be exhibiting at the Melbourne Disability Expo this year.

Date: 22 and 23 November 2024

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Venue: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

The Melbourne Disability Expo brings together a wide range of products and services to help people live their best life, and also features a range of informative and interactive presentations delivered by industry experts, all-abilities adult and children's entertainment, and food vendors.

For more information and to register visit melbournedisabilityexpo.com.au/

We look forward to seeing you there.

Bendigo public forum

A reminder that we are heading to Bendigo at the end of November for our last public forum of 2024.

Date: Thursday 28 November 2024

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Venue: Bendigo Bank Theatre

We are keen to speak with people working in the disability sector, and those that use disability services, about the issues affecting you.

Commissioner Dan Stubbs will speak about our role to build a safer, stronger, disability sector in Victoria and Board member Patrick Wilsmore will discuss the benefits of becoming a registered worker. There will be information about our different functions: the Code of Conduct for disability workers; complaints and notifications about disability workers, and disability worker registration. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and morning tea will be provided at the end.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for your free ticket.

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