

NDIS National Disability Worker Screening Goes Live

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Today, a new nationally consistent worker screening system has commenced in Queensland to improve safeguards for people receiving NDIS supports and services.

The new disability worker screening framework will significantly enhance safeguards for people with disability.

Key features include:

- a strengthened identity checking process
- a stronger framework for disqualifying people convicted of the most concerning offences
- a stronger decision-making framework that focuses on risk and considers a broader range of information
- clearances are transferrable across all jurisdictions; and
- national monitoring for changes in criminal history.

A 'no card, no start' approach has also been introduced meaning people working for providers in risk-assessed roles must have a clearance before they start providing services. This will ensure that people with concerning histories cannot work until they are assessed.

Workers with a current Yellow Card need not reapply - they can continue working and will transition to the new system upon renewal.

Queensland will also continue its robust state screening for State delivered or funded disability services that are provided outside the NDIS.

A new, automated online system will make the application processes simpler and easier. It will also create efficiencies between the Blue Card and Yellow Card systems. People who need both a disability worker screening check and a working with children check can now make a single, combined online application for both.