

State requirements for providers delivering services that involve the use of restrictive practices in Queensland

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission is responsible for quality and safeguards, including oversight of behaviour support.

While the NDIS Commission has oversight of behaviour support, the Queensland Government remains responsible for authorising the use of restrictive practice in the first instance, and for maintaining records of approvals.

Scope and type of restrictive practices in Queensland

Queensland's restrictive practices requirements apply to people over the age of 18ⁱ with an intellectual or cognitive disability, receiving NDIS services.

Restrictive practices in Queensland include containment, seclusion, physical restraint, mechanical restraint, chemical restraint and restricting access.

Short-term Approvals

Short-term Approvals are provided by Queensland Government and give authority to use a restrictive practice for a maximum of 6 months, while the required assessments are undertaken, a positive behaviour support plan is developed, and where applicable, a guardian for restrictive practices is appointed.

Restrictive Practice	Approval
Containment and seclusion	Office of the Public Guardian
Chemical restraint Mechanical restraint Physical restraint Restricting access to objects	Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (DCDSS)

For information about other practices and requirements for people under 18, go to: www.ndiscommission.gov.au/providers

Providers must.....

- Identify if you are using a restrictive practice requiring approval.
- Obtain short-term approval from the [Office of the Public Guardian](#)ⁱⁱ; or
- Obtain short-term approval for all other restrictive practices from your regional Positive Behaviour Support & Restrictive Practices delegate by completing and submitting the [short-term approval form](#).
- Notify DCDSS of all approvals received, including Short-term Approvals and Positive Behaviour Support Plan approvals through the [Online Data Collection portal](#).

Reporting

Online Data Collection (ODC)

Providers can directly input all approvals, into ODC.

To access ODC go to <https://odc.disability.qld.gov.au>

Reporting Usage

Providers will no longer be required to report Restrictive Practices usage to Queensland Government via ODC.

Reporting on how often restrictive practices are used will now be directly reported to the NDIS Commission.

More Information

Providers should familiarise themselves with the requirements for behaviour support, under the NDIS Commission.

Information is available at:

www.ndiscommission.gov.au/providers

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End Notes

ⁱ There is no legislative authority for the authorisation of the use of restrictive practices on children in Queensland. Only NDIS Commission requirements apply.

ⁱⁱ Providers must work with DCDSS in the assessment for, and development of, all positive behaviour support plans which include containment and seclusion.

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