

Worker screening requirements for providers delivering NDIS supports and services in Queensland

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission is responsible for quality and safeguards in Queensland, and NDIS providers have new responsibilities and obligations in relation to worker screening.

Queensland will transition to the NDIS worker screening check in 2020.

Until then, screening will continue under Queensland's current Yellow Card system, with some adjustments to align with the NDIS Commission's requirements.

What stays the same?

In Queensland, people who work with people with disability require a Yellow Card or Yellow Card Exemption. To obtain a Yellow Card, workers and volunteers need to undergo a criminal history check and be issued with a positive notice.

Providers are responsible for identifying which roles and jobs need screening and for submitting Yellow Card applications.

Providers can engage paid employees to start work once an application has been submitted, with appropriate safeguards in place.

Health practitioners registered under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) do not require a Yellow Card.

People who provide disability services only to children need a Working with Children Check (Blue Card) and do not need a Yellow Card or Yellow Card Exemption.

People who work with adults and children with a disability need a Blue Card and a Yellow Card Exemption.

What has changed?

Under the NDIS Commission, the range of roles and jobs requiring screening are expanded.

Information about which roles need to be screened is available on the [NDIS Commission website](#).

Sole traders, volunteers and paid employees working in a role or job that now requires worker screening under the NDIS Commission, must have an application lodged by the end of October 2019, but are able to work while an application is processed.

Disqualifying and serious offences will also be expanded and there will be a new framework for dealing with charges and convictions for a serious offence in the [Disability Services Act 2006](#).

More Information

Providers should familiarise themselves with responsibilities and obligations in relation to NDIS worker screening.

Information about NDIS worker screening is available at:

www.ndiscommission.gov.au/providers