



## Update from the Commissioner

Welcome to our August newsletter.

We are currently in the renewal period for disability worker registration and it has been great to see so many workers renew their registration already. This shows a worker's commitment to continually increasing safety and quality for people with disability in Victoria. It also shows that renewing is quick and easy! If you haven't yet completed your renewal you can find more information in this newsletter. I encourage you to let your colleagues know and remind them to become registered if they haven't yet done so.

We are also pleased to release a suite of new and updated resources on disability worker registration. I encourage you to [view our video](#) and visit our [Registration page](#) for new fact sheets and information.

We continue to engage with organisations across the sector, and have recently run education sessions with service providers and advocacy groups. If you're interested in learning more about our work or arranging an information session please contact [education@vdbc.vic.gov.au](mailto:education@vdbc.vic.gov.au)

### Registration Board update

The new members of the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria were announced this month, following their appointment by the Minister for Disability. The Board registers disability workers in Victoria, and also sets the standards required to become registered. To read a statement by the re-appointed Chair, Melanie Eagle, please [click here](#).

## Events

### Webinar for parents and families

This month we hosted webinar for parents and families, in partnership with the Association for Children with a Disability. This webinar covered how we regulate services for children and young people with disability and included updates on our complaints service, disability worker registration and the Commission's role in regulating disability staff in schools.

There was great engagement from the audience and lots of important questions asked during the panel discussion. If you missed this webinar you can [watch a recording here](#).

## For the disability workforce

### Currently a registered worker?

If you haven't already, it is time to renew your registration. Renewal is completed online, and is simple and free. For more information and to renew please [click here](#).

### Updated registration resources

We have recently updated a range of fact sheets about registration. These fact sheets make finding the relevant information about registration easier than ever. If you're a disability worker who wants to get registered, an employer wanting to know more about the benefits of a registered workforce, or a person with disability wanting to know why registration is important to you, all the information is here.

To read registration information for disability workers please [click here](#).

To read registration information for employers please [click here](#).

To read registration information for people with disability please [click here](#).

To read frequently asked questions about registration please [click here](#).

For accessible versions please visit our [Resource Hub](#) under Registration.

For more information, to watch our videos on registration or start preparing an application, please visit

[vdwc.vic.gov.au/disability-worker-registration](https://vdwc.vic.gov.au/disability-worker-registration)



## Talking about the Code of Conduct

Commissioner Dan Stubbs attended and spoke at the National Disability Summit earlier this month. There were many important conversations had and questions posed at this event, about how we can better support people with disability. At the Commission we have a clear position on what good quality support looks like. The Commissioner focused particularly on the [Code of Conduct](#), which all disability workers in Victoria must adhere to. This Code is all the ways disability workers provide quality services, and any contradictions of this are unacceptable. We encourage you to re-familiarise yourselves with the [Code](#).

## Education and engagement

Our team can conduct information sessions on the work of the Commission both in-person and virtually, and tailor the material to the needs of your organisation. If you are interested in finding out more or arranging a session, please reach out to [education@vdwc.vic.gov.au](mailto:education@vdwc.vic.gov.au)

## News and updates

### Subscribe to new prohibition orders

The Commissioner is able to issue prohibition orders to avoid a serious risk to the life, health, safety or welfare of a person with disability or of the public. In some cases, the disability worker may only be able to practise if certain conditions are met.

You can [sign up](#) to receive direct email alerts when there is an update to the public prohibition orders page of the Commission website. For more information visit [vdwc.vic.gov.au/prohibition-orders](https://vdwc.vic.gov.au/prohibition-orders).

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