



Help build a safer,
stronger, disability sector by
becoming a registered
disability worker

Become a registered disability worker

Registration is free, voluntary and demonstrates a commitment to providing safe and quality services to people with disability in Victoria.

Disability worker registration provides additional checks to the NDIS Worker Screening Check by also assessing a worker's skills and experience and setting continuing professional development standards.

What do workers need to register?

There are three registration standards that applicants must meet:

1. Communication - Competency to communicate in English
2. Criminal history - A **free** criminal history check will be done during the registration assessment
3. Continuing professional development
– All registered workers must complete 10 hours of continuing professional development each year.

Please see the reverse for experience and qualification requirements for registration.

How to register:

Applications can be made online on the Victorian Disability Worker Commission website:

www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/get-registered



To register you will need to:

- Prove your identity with current ID documents
- Agree to a **free** national police check
- Provide details and relevant documents demonstrating your qualifications and/or experience as a disability worker.

If you have any questions before starting your application please call our RegistrationTeam on 1800 497 132 or email: registration@vdwc.vic.gov.au

Who can register?

Disability support workers



Registered Victorian disability support worker

Disability support workers provide direct support to people with disability or supervise this work.

You can register based on your qualifications **OR** your experience.

Qualification(s)

To register based on qualification(s) you must have:

- a Certificate III or higher in Individual Support, Disability or a related field, **and**
- relevant work experience providing disability services (may include placement hours completed as part of a relevant qualification), **or**
- training as a disability worker *equivalent* to Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability), **and**
- relevant work experience providing disability services.

Work experience

To register based on professional experience you must have:

- at least 1,440 hours of relevant work experience providing disability services over the past 10 years.

Combination of qualifications and relevant experience

To register based on qualifications and relevant experience you must have:

- a qualification in community services, health or a related field that is relevant to your experience providing disability services, **and**
- at least 120 hours of relevant work experience providing *disability services*.

Disability practitioners



Registered Victorian disability practitioner

Disability practitioners are disability workers with advanced skills, experience and qualifications.

Qualification(s)

To register based on qualification(s) you must have:

- a relevant tertiary qualification* at Diploma level or higher in a professional discipline that supports people with disability, such as allied health or social work, and
- relevant work experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner and
- professional registration (if required to practice the profession in which you are qualified).

*or equivalent training where training rather than a tertiary qualification was required to gain professional registration to practice the profession.

Professional experience

To register based on professional experience you must have:

- professional registration (if required to practice), and
- at least 1,440 hours of relevant specialist, professional experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner over the past 10 years.

Combination of qualifications and relevant experience

To register based on qualifications and relevant experience you must have:

- a qualification in a professional discipline that supports people with disability that is relevant to your specialist experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner, **and**
- at least 120 hours of relevant professional experience providing disability services as a disability practitioner.

Qualifications in disciplines such as community services, counselling, youth work, psychology, childcare, education and health will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please get in touch to discuss.