



Establishment of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

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The *National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Act 2017* (the **NDIS Commission Act**), amending the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* will come into force in Australia on 1 July 2018.²⁶

The NDIS Commission Act will allow the establishment of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (the **NDIS Commission**), who will implement the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework, which will be embedded as the national support system for NDIS participants, carers and providers and their staff. As the disability support sector moves from State-by-State implementation to a full national system, the importance of having consistent cross-border standards for rights, responsibilities, levels of care, safeguards and expectations for all participants has been realised.

The NDIS Commission has been funded in the 2018 Federal Budget in the amount of \$209 million, and will be established as an independent body, regulating providers, handling quality and safety complaints, and work for nationally consistent standards of care and support.

The Commissioner will assume responsibility for NDIS management in NSW and SA on 1 July 2018; on 1 July 2019 for Victoria, QLD, Tasmania, ACT and the NT; and finally on 1 July 2020 for WA.

The new NDIS Commission will oversee a stratification of NDIS provider registration: providers that deliver lower risk, less complex supports and services will undergo a **Verification** assessment, whilst providers delivering higher risk and complex supports and services will undergo a **Certification** assessment. Regardless of assessment level, all providers of NDIS Services will be required to comply with the NDIS Code of Conduct.

The registration of existing service providers will automatically transfer to the NDIS Commission.



Obligations on providers



Unregistered providers	Registered providers (lower risk)	Registered providers (higher risk)
NDIS Code of Conduct		
Complaints process		
Voluntary Worker Screening	Mandatory Worker Screening	
	Reportable Incident requirements	
	Practice Standards verification	Practice Standards certification
		Restrictive Practice reporting (if applicable)

²⁶ The source of this article is the powerpoint presentation of the NDIS Quality and Safeguard Commission - NDIS National Provider Forum 2018.