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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Events** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Two women sit gardening together**  **Disability worker registration – who, why, when, and how? webinar**  The Victorian Disability Worker Commission is hosting a webinar on everything you need to know about disability worker registration.  **Date**: Thursday 18th August **Time**: 10-11am **Book now**: [Disability worker registration - Who, why, when and how? Tickets, Thu 18/08/2022 at 10:00 am | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/disability-worker-registration-who-why-when-and-how-tickets-394113462977)   The webinar will feature an update on registration standards and the application process. There will also be a presentation from a registered disability worker, explaining why being registered is important to them.   Disability worker registration is a huge step forward in safety and quality for the Victorian disability sector and acknowledges disability workers for the crucial job they do. If you’re interested in learning more about registration, don’t miss this important webinar. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **News and updates** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Winter rules to keep Victorians COVID safe**  The Victorian Government has confirmed the following COVID-19 restrictions with relation to those working in the community services sector. These include:   * Workers in care facilities **must** wear face masks while indoors. Including when interacting or not interacting with clients. * Workers in client-facing roles **should** wear face masks. * Workers **should**use tier 3 personal protective equipment if working with someone who is known or suspected to have COVID-19. Tier 3 personal protective equipment includes:   + disposable gloves (do not wear vinyl gloves)   + a disposable gown (plastic with long sleeves)   + an N95 or P2 respirator (not a KN95 mask)   + eye protection (with a face shield where practical).   Visitors to care facilities:   * **Must**confirm they took a rapid antigen test that day and had a negative result. * **Should** wear an N95 respirator during their visit if they are over 18 years old.   Eligible people with disability in Victoria can get 20 free rapid antigen tests from a disability liaison officer each time they visit a state-run testing site. Eligible people include NDIS participants, disability support pensioners, and people with a disability who receive a TAC benefit.   More information can be found on the [Community Services Sector – COVID 19 website](https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/community-services-sector-covid-19). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NDS Living with COVID-19: Information sharing and collaboration webinar series**  NDS will host the free ‘Living with COVID: Information sharing and collaboration series’ webinar tomorrow, Friday 5 August at 12pm.   Attendees will hear from Local Public Health Units (LPHUs) about their role in responding to outbreaks in disability settings. This is a great opportunity to hear from LPHUs to better understand the new outbreak response operating model.  Registrations are essential through this link: [Living with COVID-19: Information sharing and collaboration series (nds.org.au)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nds.org.au/index.php/events-and-training/nds-events/living-with-covid-19-information-sharing-and-collaboration-series-4298__;!!C5rN6bSF!EQ_0boNiwWNP_yp-1IpsT2PiG3FLvD5o0IaMViYw9JvtNCetPHqw5VLzTFrnA2233XLtm5A9ezy4hf_Q5v5ijIIheAgGOGx9Buz9$)  Senior leaders in disability services are encouraged to attend. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NDIS Workforce Capability Framework tools now available**  The NDIS has released 5 tools, designed to support the disability sector use the NDIS Workforce Capability Framework ([https://workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au](https://workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/)), released late last year.    The Victorian Disability Worker Commission is dedicated to supporting disability workers improve their capabilities to better support people with disability and have more satisfaction in their work. We encourage using these tools to identify capabilities of interest and those that can be improved.  Each tool has a different focus and purpose, for instance the self-assessment tool is for potential workers assisting them make an informed choice about becoming a disability worker. The career options guide is for existing workers providing guidance and links on different aspects of the important work done when supporting people with disability.   The following tools are now available for your use:   * [Self-assessment Tool (for Potential Workers)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/tools-and-resources/disability-support-work-fit__;!!C5rN6bSF!CBiPOt3qP8Xeu4gFRL_ci6xiRlzerp15DH8R5YC2UhZoIYbtZXqC2FWppjWvWMuH82pfJbwmxOLEHSQBB-SUltGpljsD4Ub7TOCgZ8s2Cb8Ig7tBtA$) * [Position Description Builder (PD Builder)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/tools-and-resources/position-description-builder__;!!C5rN6bSF!CBiPOt3qP8Xeu4gFRL_ci6xiRlzerp15DH8R5YC2UhZoIYbtZXqC2FWppjWvWMuH82pfJbwmxOLEHSQBB-SUltGpljsD4Ub7TOCgZ8s2Cb-t4w2Lxw$) * [Recruitment and Selection Guide](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/tools-and-resources/recruitment-resources__;!!C5rN6bSF!CBiPOt3qP8Xeu4gFRL_ci6xiRlzerp15DH8R5YC2UhZoIYbtZXqC2FWppjWvWMuH82pfJbwmxOLEHSQBB-SUltGpljsD4Ub7TOCgZ8s2Cb_VeCcTXw$) * [Career Options Guide](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/tools-and-resources/career-development__;!!C5rN6bSF!CBiPOt3qP8Xeu4gFRL_ci6xiRlzerp15DH8R5YC2UhZoIYbtZXqC2FWppjWvWMuH82pfJbwmxOLEHSQBB-SUltGpljsD4Ub7TOCgZ8s2Cb9SITG4gw$) * [Workforce Management and Planning Tool](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/tools-and-resources/workforce-management-and-planning-tool__;!!C5rN6bSF!CBiPOt3qP8Xeu4gFRL_ci6xiRlzerp15DH8R5YC2UhZoIYbtZXqC2FWppjWvWMuH82pfJbwmxOLEHSQBB-SUltGpljsD4Ub7TOCgZ8s2Cb-uykpzZQ$)   The NDIS Workforce Capability Framework and these tools are new, using these and providing feedback will help improve the tools and resources going forward.   Please provide your [feedback](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/workforcecapability.ndiscommission.gov.au/feedback__;!!C5rN6bSF!CBiPOt3qP8Xeu4gFRL_ci6xiRlzerp15DH8R5YC2UhZoIYbtZXqC2FWppjWvWMuH82pfJbwmxOLEHSQBB-SUltGpljsD4Ub7TOCgZ8s2Cb999KNKvg$) directly to the project team by filling out the forms provided for the Framework itself and each of the tools. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Have your say - Victorian Ageing Well Survey with small animated people around the left and top borders**  **The Commissioner for Senior Victorians' new state-wide survey for older Victorians is now open**  This year’s survey invites senior Victorians to have their say on a range of issues including wellbeing, ageism, digital inclusion, social connectedness, health and self-care. Participants can also share their experience of the pandemic and the support they need to re-connect and participate in the community.  The findings of the survey will inform the Commissioner’s ongoing advocacy on behalf of older Victorians, including advice to the Victorian Government, and the implementation of the Victorian Government’s recently launched Ageing Well Action Plan (2022-2026).  A range of resources are available at: [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/survey](https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/survey) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Keep in touch  If our e-newsletter was forwarded to you and you'd like to subscribe please go to:**<https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/subscribe> **If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch via our website**[Contact us](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__vic.us18.list-2Dmanage.com_track_click-3Fu-3D232a0a9d44abb1b0358bac209-26id-3Deb38eb5f04-26e-3D0e3bba9bd6&d=DwMFaQ&c=JnBkUqWXzx2bz-3a05d47Q&r=B_svBnE2hBdEtZ3t1evVbwFhUs00Y5qxZHYlrtXSBuE&m=9HhmnP_irr6CJoJIucFP9OyT-kuTsD3ON8s6yz7N2WQ&s=5-Xjo3rXBku-t8omFDu4YDEnqdDuZj_Gef9lw7I41j4&e=)**page, send an email to**[info@vdwc.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vdwc.vic.gov.au)**or call us on 1800 497 132.  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