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| Become a registered disability worker |
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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 below for experience and qualification requirements for registration.

# How to register:

Applications can be made online on the [Victorian Disability Worker Commission website](http://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/get-registered)
[www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/get-registered](http://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 Registration Team on 1800 497 132 or email registration@vdwc.vic.gov.au

\*if you have stored your verified identity with Service Victoria then you won’t need to prove your identity again.
 \*\*if you already have a NDIS Worker Screening ID number you can provide this when you apply. You won’t need to undergo a national police check again.

# Who can register?

## Disability support workers

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

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.