

## Frequently Asked Questions – National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – Worker Screening

### Q. What is the NDIS?

NDIS is the National Disability Insurance Scheme. It is a scheme of the Australian Government that funds costs associated with a disability. Funding is allocated to the individual with the disability (or their guardian) so they can choose the providers to supply the disability and supports they require. The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission is an independent agency established to improve the quality and safety of NDIS supports and services. They regulate the NDIS providers, resolve problems, identify areas for improvement and aim for national consistency with the services provided. The Commission requires that worker screening for NDIS is consistent throughout Australia.

### Q. What is NDIS Worker Screening?

NDIS workers are screened in the state or territory where they live. All states and territories screen in accordance with an agreement with the NDIS so that all NDIS workers are screened consistently throughout Australia.

### Q. When will NDIS Worker Screening start?

NDIS became operational in Tasmania on 1 July 2019. NDIS have established 'transitional arrangements' which sets out the current worker screening in each state or territory that they consider suitable until they are ready for each jurisdiction to begin NDIS worker screening on their behalf.

### Q. What are the NDIS transitional arrangements applicable to Tasmania?

The NDIS transitional arrangements came into effect on 1 July, 2019. The arrangements state that, as of that date, NDIS employers will accept a current RWVP Registration to work with children. Those who do not have a current RWVP Registration must lodge an application. The RWVP registration will be accepted until it expires, which is 3 years from date of issue.

## **Q. What happens once I apply?**

You will be applying for a RWVP Registration to work with children until separate NDIS worker screening comes into effect in Tasmania. You are assessed the same way all other applicants are assessed to work with children. Once the Registrar is satisfied that you are not an unacceptable risk to children you will be issued with a registration number that you can provide to your NDIS employer. If you apply after NDIS worker screening has come into effect you will be applying for a RWVP registration with an NDIS endorsement. The matters taken into consideration will be broader and there will also be 'exclusion' and 'presumed exclusion' offences to consider.

## **Q. What are the NDIS exclusion and presumed exclusion offences?**

The NDIS exclusion and presumed exclusion offences have been determined by the NDIS Commission in conjunction with states and territories. If a person is convicted of an exclusion offence they will be excluded from registration, with no right of appeal. If a person is convicted of a presumed exclusion offence they will be excluded from registration, unless they can show that 'exceptional circumstances' exist, this decision will be subject to appeal. The list of proposed exclusion and presumed exclusion offences has not yet been finalised by NDIS or accepted by Parliament in each State or Territory. [Read the list of exclusion and proposed exclusion offences.](#)

## **Q. Who needs to be registered to work with NDIS participants?**

The NDIS Commission requires that everyone working with NDIS participants must be registered according to the transitional arrangements. An NDIS employee who is providing direct supports and services to NDIS participants, and having 'more than incidental contact' must be registered. Registration also extends to anyone holding key personnel positions within NDIS. This includes all management and board members. For further information, you can visit the Commission website at [www.ndiscommission.gov.au](http://www.ndiscommission.gov.au).

## **Q. How do I apply?**

All applications for RWVP Registrations to work with children are made online on the CBOS website at [www.cbos.tas.gov.au](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au). When NDIS workers screening becomes available applicants will use the same form and the registration category will include an NDIS endorsement.

## **Q. What happens once I am registered?**

You are subject to ongoing monitoring to make sure you remain suitable to keep a registration. The Registrar receives daily reports from Tasmania Police as well as Child Safety Services. Other organisations are obliged to report to the Registrar if they become aware of allegations or behaviours indicating that a person is unsuitable to work in the capacity they applied for. The NDIS Commission will accept complaints or concerns direct from the public as long as the complaint is relevant to the [NDIS Code of Conduct](#).

## **Q. What are the current fees for registration and do they change?**

The current fee schedule is available at [www.cbos.tas.gov.au](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au). Currently an RWVP registration to work with children lasts for 3 years. When NDIS endorsed registrations become available in Tasmania all registrations will increase to 5 years.

## **Q. Where can I find out more information about RWVP Registrations?**

Further information and fact sheets are available at [www.cbos.tas.gov.au](http://www.cbos.tas.gov.au).

## **Q. Where can I find out more information on NDIS and its requirements?**

Further information on the NDIS can be accessed on their website [www.ndiscommission.gov.au](http://www.ndiscommission.gov.au).