



Useful links

Safety / Regulators of the disability, accessibility services sector

Victorian Disability Workers Commission

<https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/>

The Victorian Disability Worker Commission aims to protect the rights of people with disability and support the safety and quality of disability services available to them.

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NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission

<https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/>

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission is an independent agency established to improve the quality and safety of the NDIS supports and services.

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Disability Services Commission

<https://www.odsc.vic.gov.au/>

Disability Services Commissioner works with people with disability to resolve complaints about disability service providers, and works with disability service providers to improve health outcomes for people with a disability.

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Victorian Public Transport Ombudsman

<https://www.ptovic.com.au/>

The Public Transport Ombudsman was established in 2004 as a free and independent dispute resolution service to help people resolve complaints about public transport in Victoria and to help improve public transport for everyone



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Service providers Leadership & Research Disability Sector Organisations

Disability Leadership Institute (DLI)

<https://disabilityleaders.com.au/>

The Disability Leadership Institute offers leadership, development and support for disability leaders, including coaching, training, networking and a range of resources.

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Women with Disabilities Victoria (WDV)

<https://www.wdv.org.au/>

Women with Disabilities Victoria is a not-for-profit disabled peoples organization. Representing women with disabilities in Victoria.

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Melbourne Disability Institute

<https://disability.unimelb.edu.au/>

The Melbourne Disability Institute at the University of Melbourne. Facilitates collaborative. Interdisciplinary research to build the evidence base needed. To guide social and disability policy reforms and to advance opportunity and equity for people with disability their families and Carers.

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Centre of Research Excellence in Disability Health

<https://credh.org.au/>

The Centre of Research Excellence in Disability and Health (CRE-DH) aims to identify cost-effective policies that improve the health of people with disability in Australia.



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Human Rights

Looking for information on human Rights for people with a disability globally?

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. (CRPD)

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is an international human rights convention, which sets out the fundamental human rights of people with disability. The purpose of the United Nations Convention. On the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD) is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and promote respect for their inherent dignity.

<https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights/united-nations-convention-rights-persons-disabilities-uncrpd>

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Looking for information about human rights in Australia?

Australian Human Rights Framework

Human rights and freedoms. Are inherent to us all regardless. About background, culture, gender, age or belief.

<https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/legal-and-policy/australias-human-rights-framework>

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Looking for human rights in Victoria?

Charter of Human Rights Victoria

The Charter enshrines civil, political and cultural rights into Victorian law. Public authorities must observe those rights. New policies and legislations must also take into account human rights and public authorities, for example. People working for the government - must also observe human rights, so that members of the community are not treated unfairly.



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Inclusion Frameworks

NDIS Inclusion Framework

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/careers-ndia/inclusion-and-diversity>

The Inclusion and Diversity Framework sets out the Agency's commitment for all our staff, including the following diversity groups:

- *People with disability*
- *Gender equality and families*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples*
- *People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds*
- *Mature age and inter-generational workforce*
- *Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, asexual plus people.*

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Department of Families Fairness and Housing (DFFH)

Diversity and Inclusion Framework

https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202206/Diversity-and-inclusion-framework-2022-2027_0.pdf

Making diversity and inclusion a priority benefits everyone. It promotes a positive and safe workplace culture, builds our reputation as an employer of choice, and helps us to attract and retain talented staff.

It supports innovation by harnessing the rich and varied perspectives of our people.

It also helps us to understand and better meet the diverse needs of the Victorian



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Advocacy

Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)

<https://www.acoss.org.au/>

The Australian Council of Social Service is a national advocate supporting people affected by poverty, disadvantage and equality, and the peak Council for Community services nationally.

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Victorian council of Social Service (VCOSS)

<https://vcoss.org.au/>

VCOSS is the peak body for Victoria social and community sector and the states premier social advocacy body.

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Disability Advocacy Resource Unit (DARU)

<https://www.daru.org.au/>

DARU is unique in Australia as a dedicated resource unit funded to work with disability advocacy organizations to promote and protect the rights of people with disability.

People with Disability Australia (pwda)

<https://pwd.org.au/>

People with Disability Australia (PWDA) is a national disability rights advocacy and representative organization that is made-up of led and governed by people with disability.



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Services peak bodies

Organisation peak bodies

National Disability Services (NDS)

<https://www.nds.org.au/>

National Disability Services is Australia's peak body for non-government disability service organisations. Representing over 1200 non-government service providers. Collectively, NDS members operate several thousand services for Australians, with all types of disability.

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Disability Services Australia. (DSA) <https://dsa.org.au/about-us-disability-services-australia/>

A values based for purpose social enterprise with over 60 years in the disability sector. Who continue provide support and service to people with disabilities.

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Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (afdo) <http://www.afdo.org.au/>

This Australian federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) is a Disabled Peoples Organisation. Who are a cross disability representative organization, and the national voice representing people with disability in Australia.

Victorian Public Sector Commission

<https://vpssc.vic.gov.au/html-resources/accessibility-action-plan-2019-to-2022/a-framework-for-access-and-inclusion/>

Public sector organisations are obligated by law to create an Accessibility Action Plan. These plans can be published on their website for transparency and accountability. The Victorian Disability Act 2006 under Section 38 requires plans for the purpose of:

- 1. reducing barriers to persons with a disability accessing goods, services and facilities;*
- 2. reducing barriers to persons with a disability obtaining and maintaining employment;*
- 3. promoting inclusion and participation in the community of persons with a disability;*
- 4. achieving tangible changes in attitudes and practices which discriminate against persons with a disability.*



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Disaster Preparedness

Person Centered Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP)

<https://collaborating4inclusion.org/home/pcep/>

Co-designed and tested with people with disability, Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) enables people to self-assess their preparedness, capabilities and support needs and develop a personal emergency plan for how they will:

- (a) manage their support needs in emergencies; and*
- (b) act together with their support network before, during, and after a disaster.*

P-CEP focuses on function (not impairments), local community assets, and cross-sector collaboration as the basis for removing barriers that increase risk for people with disability and other groups at greater risk in emergencies.

P-CEP emphasises the capabilities of people with disability and the roles of multiple stakeholders in reducing disaster risk, consistent with Australia's national Emergency Management and Disability Strategies.

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Country Fire Authority (CFA) Bushfire Preparedness

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/your-local-area-info-and-advice/e-learning>

A range of online learning modules are available for people who work, travel or care for people in high bushfire areas. This module has been updated in August 2022 and now includes information on the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System.