

VICTORIAN ACCREDITED COURSES FOR SKILLING THE DISABILITY WORKFORCE AVAILABLE ON THE FUNDED COURSES LIST

Introduction

The Department of Education and Training is pleased to inform that the following courses supporting skilling for the disability workforce are now available on the Funded Courses List. The courses are as follows:

22540VIC Course in Supporting People with Complex Support Needs and Complex Physical Needs – to address personal care and community access for people with complex support needs and complex physical needs (bowel management, urinary care, PEG/PEJ feeding and tracheotomy care)

22532VIC Course in Providing Support to People with Psychosocial Disability – address the skills and knowledge required to provide effective supports under the NDIS to people with psychosocial disability, demonstrating a high degree of sensitivity and empathy in all aspects of their work, practice self-care and manage stressors in the workplace

22529VIC Course in Performing Allied Health Tasks and Supporting People with Disability – carry out allied health tasks within the disability sector, understand the NDIS service environment, and support the safety of people with disability through identifying and reporting abuse and/or family violence.

22531VIC Course in Culturally Considerate Disability Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People – establish and maintain relationships of trust with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, working in a culturally considerate manner in the NDIS environment.

22558VIC Course in Supporting People with Disability to use Medications (single unit course) – role and responsibilities of disability support worker to support clients to take and use medication in accordance with the documented medication chart/treatment sheet developed by their medical practitioner.

22530VIC Course in Identifying, Reporting and Preventing Abuse and/or Grooming of People with Disabilities (single unit course).

A number of the courses embed the following units:

- *VU22855 Work effectively within a NDIS service environment* - The course covers applying NDIS industry knowledge, applying customer service and interpersonal skills, using digital technologies in the NDIS workplace, and working independently unsupervised
- *VU22853 Apply human rights based approach to the identification, prevention and reporting of disability abuse* - which describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to apply a human rights based approach to the identification, prevention and reporting of abuse and/or grooming of people with disabilities
- *VU22733 Identify and provide initial response to family violence risk* - describes the outcomes, skills and knowledge to identify and respond to family violence risks

Units relating to family violence and abuse support Victoria's response to the 2016 *Inquiry into Abuse in Disability Services* and the *Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence*.

For further information about these courses see the Department accredited VET courses page of the Department's website: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/providers/rto/Pages/courses.aspx> (under the subheading Community Services and Health).

Target Group

The courses have been principally designed to upskill existing workers but could be used to upskill new workers with relevant experience.

Resources for training providers

Teaching and learning materials for all courses have been funded by the Department and will be available for use by all interested training providers free of cost. Resources include delivery plans, teaching resources, learner resources, assessment tasks, marking guides, recognition of prior learning instruments and training and assessment strategies.

TAFEs can download the NDIS resources through the VET Shared Learning Resources Community <https://deecd.force.com/VSRC2/s/>

For all other training providers, the Department will provide a link to a downloadable zipped file containing materials for each course. To receive this link, please email VET.SharedLearning@education.vic.gov.au stating which courses you require resources for.

Inclusion of Units in Pre-Service Qualifications

The units within the accredited courses can also be imported into pre-service qualifications in accordance with packaging rules relating to specific qualifications.

The Department encourages delivery within the Certificate IV in Disability of *VU22853 Apply a human rights based approach to the identification, prevention and reporting of disability abuse*. Delivery of this unit as part of a Certificate IV in Disability was recommended by the 2016 Inquiry into Abuse in Disability Services.

Subsidies

Code	Name	Maximum Payable Hours	Subsidy (per hour)
22540VIC	Course in Supporting People with Complex Personal Care Needs, Including Behaviours of Concern	465	\$8.50
22529VIC	Course in Performing Allied Health Tasks and Supporting People with Disability	335	\$8.50
22530VIC	Course in Identifying, Reporting and Preventing Abuse and/or Grooming of People with Disabilities	65	\$8.50
22531VIC	Course in Culturally Considerate Disability Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	150	\$8.50
22558VIC	Course in Supporting People with Disability to use Medications	65	\$8.50
22532VIC	Course in Supporting People with Psychosocial Disability	310	\$8.50

How to add the courses to Funded Scope

Courses must be added to a training providers' Scope of Registration.

Skills First Contracted training providers may then apply to add the program to their Funded Scope.

Please see Contract Notification CN 2020-09 published in the Memos section of SVTS for details on how to apply to add these courses to your Funded Scope.

Commencement Allocations

The Department recognises that for some training providers, additional Commencement Allocations are required in order to deliver these courses. Please see Contract Notification CN 2020-09 published in the Memos section of SVTS for details on a special streamlined process for requesting additional allocations for the purpose of delivering these programs.

Why deliver this training?

One in five new jobs will be in the disability sector into the future. The introduction of the NDIS has created demand for highly skilled and qualified workers. There are skills gaps in current qualifications due to the pace of reform.

These courses have been developed in Victoria working with the disability sector in response to a review of disability qualifications undertaken by the Department funded under *Keeping our Sector Strong: Victoria's Workforce Plan for the NDIS*.

Contact

For any queries about the courses, provision of resources, please send your enquiries to:
ndis.workforce@education.vic.gov.au.

For queries regarding your Skills First VET Funding Contract (eg adding programs to Funded Scope and requesting additional Commencement Allocations), please lodge an enquiry via SVTS.