

# Rights-based regulation under the new Aged Care Act

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### Sector readiness plan

#### **Provider Registration**

Under the new Aged Care Act, all providers delivering government-funded aged care services will need to be registered by the Commission. Our new resources provide all the information:

- ✓ Commission Provider Registration Policy information explaining our process and principles.
- ✓ Provider registration and renewal in practice sector webinar and presentation slides 15 April.
- Provider handbook giving an overview on provider obligations.
- ✓ Becoming a registered provider and renewing your registration video.
- Changing, suspending and revoking provider registration video.
- ✓ <u>Draft forms</u> to support provider registration and renewal (for viewing only).

#### **Audit**

From 1 November 2025, providers will be audited when they apply to be registered or re-registered.

- ✓ Alis e-learning module for workers and providers about the audit process. ● ●
- Recorded live learning session about the regulatory landscape, highlighting registration conditions and obligations for registered providers.

#### **Strengthened Quality Standards**

The Quality Standards have been strengthened as part of the new Act, to better define what good care looks like.

- ✓ Updated Worker, governing body and provider guidance with home care service context considerations published in the Digital Guidance Tool.
- ✓ Quality Standards Resource Centre to enhance understanding of the new standards. ●
- ✓ e-Learning modules exploring and deepening understanding of the Standards through case studies.

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- ✓ Bringing the strengthened Quality Standards to life <u>sector webinar</u>, <u>presentation slides</u> and resources 18 March.
- ✓ Draft Audit Evidence Collection Tools for providers:
- applying to be registered for the first time
- renewing their registration or
- vary their registration.
- ✓ Draft Care Delivery Evidence Collection Tool for providers renewing their registration depending on service type:
- Care Delivery Evidence Collection Tool Care delivery location (Category 4 & 5).
- Care Delivery Evidence Collection Tool Residential (Category 6).
- Case study activity pack for:
- residential services.
- home care services.
- ✓ <u>Live learning sessions</u> to explore implementing the Standards in practice. 
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- ✓ Introductory videos and New Quality Standard video series explaining each standard in a separate video available on the Commission's website and YouTube channel.

#### Clinical

Food, Nutrition and Dining, and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) are the key focus of some of our new clinical education materials.

- ✓ Alis e-learning modules:
- about dementia and choice for workers and managers.
- about IPC including outbreak management templates and documents.

#### **Financial and Prudential Standards**

Resources to explain the new financial and prudential requirements providers must meet.

- ✓ Understanding the new Financial and Prudential Standards sector webinar and presentation slides – 18 February.
- ✓ New Financial and Prudential Standards guidance material.
- ✓ Public consultation summary report on the new Financial and Prudential Standards.
- ✓ Fact sheet for older people explaining the Financial and Prudential Standards.

#### **New Aged Care Act for diverse audiences**

The new Aged Care Act puts older people at the centre of aged care. The below resources were created for diverse audiences to create awareness about rights for older people and culturally appropriate aged care.

- ✓ Targeted resources for First Nations audiences on the role of the Commission and rights of older people in aged care. 

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- ✓ Targeted resources for older people from diverse backgrounds to help them understand their rights to quality, safe aged care and the upcoming changes.
- ✓ First Nations toolkit with key resources, messages and links.
- ✓ Explaining aged care and your rights community poster.
- ✓ Culturally safe care is your right and our responsibility video. ●
- ✓ Person-centred care is good aged care video.
- ✓ Quality aged care for mob is about family, community and culture video.
- ✓ Sharing language is sharing culture video.
- ✓ First Nations workplace posters explaining the strengthened Quality Standards:
- First Nations Workplace Poster Standard 1 The individual
- First Nations Workplace poster Standard 2 The organisation
- First Nations Workplace poster Standard 3 Care and services
- First Nations Workplace poster Standard 4 The environment
- First Nations Workplace poster Standard 5 Clinical care
- First Nations Workplace Poster Standard 6 Food and nutrition
- First Nations Workplace poster Standard 7 The Residential community

#### **Compliance and Enforcement**

How we will assess and monitor and enforce provider compliance under the new Act.

- ✓ Compliance and enforcement sector webinar and presentation slides – 20 May.
- ✓ Provider supervision webpage and video explaining what it means for you.
- ✓ Provider supervision <u>case studies</u> exploring how we use intelligence and our approach to managing risk.
- ✓ Video outlining how we will manage non-compliance with new and changed obligations in the early day of the new Aged Care Act.

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#### Legend

- For older people
- For providers
- For workers
- For First Nations providers, workers and older people

#### **Complaints handling**

A new rights-based and person-centric regulatory model will bring more transparency and accountability to the complaints handling process.

✓ A complaints handling checklist about the steps to take when
responding to feedback or complaints.

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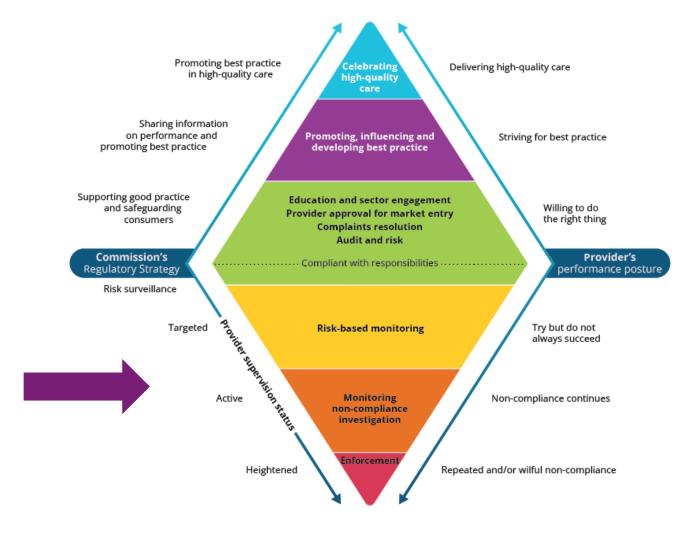


## What is expected of providers

- Statement of Rights
- Strengthened Quality Standards
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints management
- Continuous improvement



## Aged care regulatory diamond



## Thank you