

Fact sheet: Comparison of Aged Care Quality Standards and NDIS Practice Standards

Residential Aged Care (RAC) providers who apply to be a registered NDIS provider will be required to comply with the Core Module of the NDIS Practice Standards. The Core Module comprises 24 NDIS Practice Standards and related Quality Indicators.

Supplementary modules of the NDIS Practice Standards may apply if providers are delivering complex, specialised supports, for example, implementing restrictive practice in the delivery of daily supports, or delivering high intensity daily personal activities (clinical supports) funded through the NDIS support package of a participant in the NDIS.

The Aged Care Quality Standards comprise a set of eight standards, each having an overarching consumer outcome, organisation statement and related requirements.

There is a high level of commonality between the Aged Care and NDIS Practice Standards which means existing RAC systems, policies and processes may demonstrate the necessary evidence for about half of the NDIS Practice Standards requirements for the Core Module.

Broad areas of commonality include:

- organisational systems covering: feedback and complaints, incidents management, compliance, risk, continuous improvement, governance, information management and human resource management.
- support provision processes, including assessment, planning, review of supports, and management of individual risks.
- support and respect for individual choice, independence, privacy, dignity, culture and diversity.
- infection control processes and safe environments.

Differences between Aged Care Quality Standards and NDIS Practice Standards where you may have to review your systems for NDIS Commission registration:

- rights and responsibilities with a focus on person centred supports, privacy, dignity, independence and informed choice and violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination
- governance and operational management, especially involvement of your residents who are NDIS participants
- support plans and service agreements

- Support Provision Environment such as money and property, mealtime, medication and waste management.
- implementing NDIS Behaviour Support Plans.

For further information please refer to the NDIS RAC Provider Toolkit Part E - Comparison of Aged Care Quality Standards and NDIS Practice Standards.

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