



# New behaviour support practitioners: Applying for suitability

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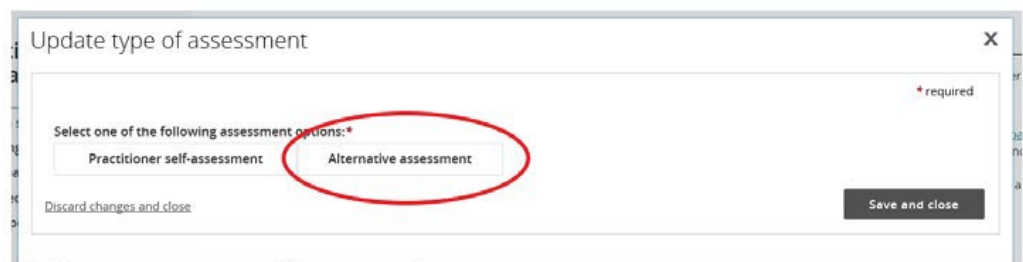
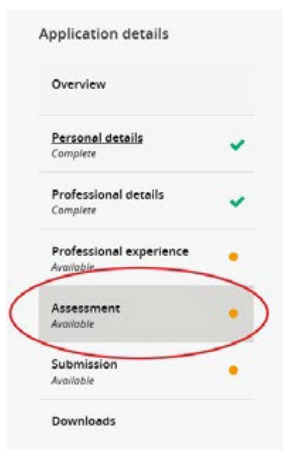
This fact sheet provides guidance to new entry-level behaviour support practitioners who are applying to be considered suitable.

## Summary

New entry-level behaviour support practitioners applying to be considered suitable as an NDIS behaviour support practitioner may have limited portfolio evidence. This fact sheet provides guidance on how to complete the application process. Ongoing professional development and supervision is required to ensure progression towards meeting all core practitioner level capabilities. New entry-level behaviour support practitioners will have their suitability reconsidered 12 months later.

## Alternative assessment pathway

When completing your application in the portal, select 'alternative assessment' in the 'Assessment' tab. When requested to enter a reason for selecting this pathway, enter "entry-level practitioner seeking suitability for the first time".



The following evidence must be attached to the application in the portal:

1. a resume outlining any relevant experience, training and education
2. certified copies of any relevant qualifications
3. a professional development plan which identifies how the individual will develop their capabilities across the 7 domains of the Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework (at the core practitioner level)
4. a supervision agreement with a proficient level behaviour support practitioner or above, who will supervise the individual's work and / or support them to develop the required capabilities
5. a completed new / entry-level practitioner declaration form (copy below)
6. optional evidence: any other relevant evidence which demonstrates transferable skills (e.g., a classroom behaviour management plan, a safety plan, or a wellness recovery action plan).

Once submitted we will consider the application and advise the applicant in writing.

## Reconsideration of suitability

The NDIS Commission may outline additional tasks to be undertaken such as practising under supervision and collecting a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate development at the core practitioner level.

We will also specify a date (usually within 12 months) by when the practitioner's suitability will be reconsidered. At that time, the practitioner will need to complete the self-assessment and endorsement process and upload this information in the applications portal in order to maintain their suitability as a core practitioner.

## Applicants with NDIS specialist behaviour support provider registration

Behaviour support and restrictive practices are considered high risk categories of support, which require NDIS behaviour support practitioners to have specific skills, knowledge, and experience.

New Entry Level applicants typically have minimum behaviour support experience (less than 6 months). Therefore we expect that these NDIS behaviour support practitioners would receive a higher level of supervision and support, to continue to develop their capabilities as per the Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework.

In light of the above, the NDIS Commission may find an individual applying via the New Entry Level pathway not suitable where they:

- ◆ intend to operate as a sole trader or as key personnel of a specialist behaviour support provider; and
- ◆ do not intend to employ a proficient level (or above) NDIS behaviour support practitioner (with 2 years' experience working as a NDIS behaviour support practitioner) to provide clinical supervision and oversight of work practices.

In addition, we may impose a condition on the registration of NDIS providers who are registered to provide specialist behaviour supports (registration group 0110). This would happen where the key personnel of the NDIS provider is a New Entry Level behaviour support practitioner who intends to operate as a sole trader.

This condition may include additional supervision requirements and/or the requirement to hire an NDIS behaviour support practitioner at the Proficient level or above to provide clinical oversight of the work practices of less experienced NDIS behaviour support practitioners.

## Further information and resources

The NDIS Commission's [Practitioner Suitability Assessment\\*](#) page contains further details and resources. You can also contact the NDIS Commission about this by emailing [ndispractitioners@ndiscommission.gov.au](mailto:ndispractitioners@ndiscommission.gov.au).

**For general queries** please get in touch with our Contact Centre:

- ◆ via our [online contact form](#)<sup>†</sup> on our website
- ◆ call 1800 035 544 (free call from landlines) or TTY 133 677 ([Interpreters](#)<sup>‡</sup> can be arranged)
- ◆ National Relay Service: ask for 1800 035 544

**Our Contact Centre is open:**

- ◆ weekdays, excluding public holidays
- ◆ Western Australia: 7:30am – 3:30pm
- ◆ all other states and territories: 9am – 5pm

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\* <https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/behaviour-support-practitioner-suitability-assessments>

† <https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/contact-us>

‡ <https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/languages/translations-and-interpreting-services>

## New/entry-level practitioner Declaration Form

The following declaration should be completed and attached in the alternative assessment evidence tab in the applications portal.

**Applicant name**

I declare:

I am a new, entry-level practitioner seeking suitability as an NDIS behaviour support practitioner.

I have not previously been considered suitable/provisionally suitable as an NDIS behaviour support practitioner, nor has my suitability status been revoked.

I have attached a copy of my professional development plan which outlines how I will develop my capabilities at the core practitioner level across the 7 domains of the Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework.

I have attached a copy of my supervision agreement with an NDIS behaviour support practitioner who is at the Proficient practitioner level or above, and commit to participating in regular supervision.

I will collect a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate my developing knowledge and skills.

I understand that practitioner suitability alone is insufficient to deliver behaviour support under the NDIS. I understand that I also need to be engaged by a registered provider who is registered for specialist behaviour support.

I understand that if I am considered suitable, my suitability as a NDIS behaviour support practitioner will be reconsidered by the NDIS Commission in 12 months.

I understand that additional consideration will be made by the NDIS Commission if I also hold, or intend to hold, NDIS registration as a Specialist Behaviour Support Provider.

**Signature**

**Date**