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National Disability Insurance Scheme (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Amendment (Mandatory Registration and Other Matters) Rules 2026

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Introduction

The *National Disability Insurance Scheme (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Amendment (Mandatory Registration and Other Matters) Rules 2026* (Amending Rules) amends the *National Disability Insurance Scheme (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Rules 2018* (Provider Registration Rules).

The Amending Rules amend the Provider Registration Rules to:

- require mandatory registration for NDIS providers who deliver:
 - Supported Independent Living (SIL) and
 - NDIS digital platform services.
- introduce new conditions on registration for NDIS digital platform providers
- amend the existing condition on registration requiring providers to give the NDIS Commission notice of certain events and changes to require notice be given to the Commissioner sooner
- introduce a new condition on registration where there is a change of ownership
- introduce new NDIS Practice Standards specific for SIL.

The amendments strengthen the NDIS registration framework for higher-risk supports and services by introducing mandatory registration and enhanced regulatory requirements for providers delivering SIL and NDIS digital platform services.

The amendments establish new classes of supports and new SIL Practice Standards, introduce additional conditions of registration to improve transparency and worker screening safeguards for providers delivering NDIS digital platform services, and strengthened notification requirements for certain events or changes and audit requirements where there is a change in ownership of the provider or a business operated by the provider.

Together, these reforms support improved quality, consistency and safeguarding, and promote the delivery of participant-centred, rights-based supports across the NDIS.

Schedule 1 – Amendments

Part 1 – Assistance with supported independent living

Part 1 introduces amendments that require providers delivering assistance with supported independent living to be registered with the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission).

The requirement to be registered to provide assistance with supported independent living *applies* to NDIS providers that deliver and manage home and living supports for participants, including those who either live alone or live in a group living arrangement with other participants.

The requirement to be registered to provide assistance with supported independent living *does not apply* to arrangements where participants organise their own supports (by choosing, employing and rostering their own support workers). These arrangements are excluded regardless of the participant's level of support needs. This requirement also does not apply to support coordinators, who have a distinct role in assisting participants to understand their NDIS plan and to strengthen their ability to design and build their supports.

Providers delivering assistance with supported independent living are required to comply with new NDIS Practice Standards specific to assistance with supported independent living, as well as the Core Module Practice Standards.

Part 2 – NDIS digital platform services

Part 2 introduces amendments that require providers delivering an NDIS digital platform service to register with the NDIS Commission. An 'NDIS digital platform service' means a service that is provided to facilitate the provision of supports under participants' plans on an NDIS digital platform.

Providers delivering an NDIS digital platform service are required to comply with the Core Module Practice Standards. They must also comply with additional conditions of registration, including:

- worker screening check requirements which have the effect that only persons who hold a worker screening clearance may use the platform; and
- requirements to check and display of certain information about persons providing supports on the platform, such as whether a banning order against a person is in force.

Part 3 – Change of ownership requirements

Part 3 contains amendments that introduce new requirements relating to giving notice of certain events to the NDIS Commission. This includes an amendment to the existing condition on registration requiring registered NDIS providers to give the NDIS Commission notice of certain events and changes to require notice be given to the Commissioner sooner.

These amendments include enhanced notification requirements, particularly where there is a change in ownership of the provider, or of a business operated by the provider, and introduce a new condition of registration requiring a change in ownership audit for certain providers.

Part 4 – Other amendments

Part 4 makes minor and consequential amendments to the existing NDIS Practice Standards to clarify that they apply specifically to registered NDIS providers and to ensure consistency with terminology used in the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*.

Part 5 – Transitional provisions

Part 5 sets out application and transitional provisions to support implementation of the amendments, including transitional arrangements for assistance with supported independent living, NDIS digital platform services, and change in ownership notification requirements.

The transitional arrangements are intended to help:

- Avoid disrupting existing providers who are already delivering supports.
- Move everyone onto the new registration categories over time.
- Only apply new requirements once registered or transitioned.

The transitional arrangements are summarised for each of the changes in the below tables.

Table 1 – Transitional arrangements in relation to the provision of assistance with supported independent living

Provider category	Timing stage	What applies
Already a registered NDIS provider and providing SIL (whether registered for Registration Group 115 or other class of support)	From 1 July 2026	Commissioner will vary registration to add the new SIL class of support.
	Until registration is varied	May continue delivering SIL. • If registered for SIL (item 115): SIL Practice Standards apply. • If not registered for SIL: SIL Practice Standards do not apply until registered.
	After registration is varied	Must maintain registration and comply with SIL Practice Standards.
Not a registered NDIS provider, but already providing SIL	1 July – 1 October 2026	Must apply to be registered to provide SIL.
	While application is pending	May continue providing SIL. SIL Practice Standards do not apply.
	After application is decided	If approved: must maintain registration and comply with SIL Practice Standards. If no application submitted by 1 October 2026 or application is refused: must stop providing SIL.
New entrants (not providing SIL before 1 July 2026)	Before starting SIL	Must apply for registration.
	While application is pending	Cannot provide SIL.
	After registration	Must comply with SIL Practice Standards.

Table 2 – Transitional arrangements in relation to the provision of NDIS digital platform services

Provider category	Timing stage	What applies
Already a registered NDIS provider for any class of support and providing NDIS digital platform services	From 1 July 2026	Commissioner will vary registration to include platform services.
	Until registration is varied	May continue platform services. The new platform-specific conditions in s 13D do not apply yet.
	After registration is varied	Must comply with the Core Module Practice Standards.
	From 1 January 2027	New platform-specific conditions in s 13D apply.
Not a registered NDIS provider, but already providing NDIS digital platform services	1 July – 1 October 2026	Must apply to be registered to provide platform services.
	While application is pending	May continue providing platform services. The new platform-specific conditions in s 13D do not apply yet.
	After application is decided	If approved: must comply with the Core Module Practice Standards. If no application is submitted by 1 October 2026 or application is refused: must stop providing platform services.
	From 1 January 2027	New conditions in s 13D conditions apply (if registered).
New entrants (not providing platform services before 1 July 2026)	Before starting platform services	Must apply for registration.
	While application is pending	Cannot provide platform services.
	After registration	Must comply with the Core Module Practice Standards.
	From 1 January 2027	The new platform-specific conditions in s 13D apply (if registered).

Table 3 – Transitional provisions in relation to change of ownership requirements on registered NDIS providers

Scenario	When new requirements apply	What the provider must do
A change in ownership of a registered NDIS provider occurs on or after 1 July 2026	From the time the change occurs	New requirements in Part 3 (including notification and audit requirements) apply to the registered NDIS provider
A change in ownership occurs on or after 1 July 2026, but the timing for giving notice under subsection 13A(3) would otherwise fall before 1 July 2026	Notice must be given as soon as practicable on or after 1 July 2026	The registered NDIS provider must notify the Commissioner even if the usual timing requirement would have required notice before commencement.