

Quality Disability Services

Better Services, better outcomes, stronger communities

In 2006, a new law to support and protect people with a disability was introduced. This law is called the Disability Act.

Any disability service that receives government funding must follow this law. These services might be part of the government or a community organisation.

In the Disability Act there are new rules about disability services. These rules are called Disability Standards. They tell services they must:

- Respect people with a disability and their rights;
- Make sure their work meets the needs of their service users; and
- Deliver high quality services.

Services need to follow all of these rules in order to receive government funding.

From July 2007, services will be helped to understand and follow these new rules.

From 2009, services will be checked to see if they are following the rules. This will be from someone who is not from the government or the community organisation being checked.