



# Budget 2023-24

This information is accurate as of 9 May 2023.

## Aged Care Regulatory Reform

This measure will help create and implement a new regulatory framework to support reforms in aged care, in line with the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's recommendations 92 and 93 on provider approval and accreditation.

Services Australia will participate in discovery and design sessions with the Department of Health and Aged Care to develop a new provider registration portal. All providers who are delivering government-subsidised aged care services will need to register.

Providers will be able to register for one or more categories based on the services they deliver. Providers will need to re-register at set intervals to ensure their ongoing suitability.

This measure will also establish a National Worker Registration Scheme to protect older Australians and further professionalise the aged care workforce. This is consistent with Recommendation 77 of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. The scheme includes requirements for code of conduct, worker screening, English proficiency and ongoing training.

This will introduce a nationally consistent worker screening check for the aged care sector from 1 July 2024. The worker screening will expand and align aged care worker screening with the existing NDIS worker screening model.

Services Australia will be responsible for making the ICT system enhancements needed to expand the NDIS workers screening check. The check will include a new function to enable clearance of aged care workers. System enhancements will also make it easier to share information between the regulator and aged care providers. This will improve regulatory protections for older Australians receiving care.

This measure is led by the Department of Health and Aged Care. Services Australia has been allocated \$23.7 million through to the 2026-27 financial year to support this measure.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

### **Who this measure affects**

This affects aged care residents and aged care service providers.

### **When this starts and finishes**

This measure will start on 1 July 2024 and is ongoing.