

PBSP Practitioner Registration policy and procedure



Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this document detail how Access4u will meet its obligations to support safeguarding for Access4u Customers subject to restrictive practices, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Restrictive Practices and Behaviour Support) Rules 2018 (the Rules) that require that a registered provider of specialist behaviour support services, must use a behaviour support practitioner whom the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner considers suitable.

Responsibilities and delegations

This policy applies to	Governing Body. Staff and Volunteers
Specific responsibilities	The Board – Responsible for ensuring effective governance mechanisms are in place. The CEO and Managers – Responsible for monitoring and ensuring adherence to Policy and related procedures. Ensure PBS Practitioners are registered as Practitioners with NDIS. Ensure objectives of the policy are achieved. PBS practitioners – Responsible for adherence to their responsibilities under The Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework.
Policy approval	CEO

Policy context – this policy relates to:

Standards	• National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguarding Framework • NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission Consent and Restrictive Practices documents. • United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2006
Legislation	• National Disability Insurance Scheme (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Rules 2018 • National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 • Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 • The Disability Services Act SA 1993 • The Disability Act 2006 • Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986
Contractual obligations	• NDIS Code of Conduct • NDIS Registration as a Provider • The Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework
Organisation policies and procedures	• Access4U Positive Behaviour Support policy
Forms, record keeping, other documents	• PBS Plan template • PBSP & Crisis Management Plan template

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	• Consent Arrangement Profile. • Practitioner supervision records • Evidence of practitioner suitability (qualifications, resume, NDIS self-assessment)
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Definitions for the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

Word	Definition
<i>Positive Behaviour Support</i>	Approved methods used to support individuals to develop and maintain appropriate behaviour based on a holistic assessment of the person's support needs.
<i>Specialist</i>	Medical Practitioner, Psychologist, Behavioural Management Practitioner (Developmental Educator) or other professional with expertise.
<i>PBS Practitioner</i>	A person the NDIS Commissioner considers suitable to undertake behaviour support assessments (including functional behaviour assessments) and to develop behaviour support plans that may contain the use of restrictive practices.

Procedure

To comply with this requirement, section 29 of the Rules requires that specialist behaviour support providers notify the NDIS Commission of their behaviour support practitioners.

The notification can be made by using the [Notification of Behaviour Support Practitioners \(s29\) – online form](#)

On the basis of the information collected from the notification, practitioners will be considered provisionally suitable as NDIS behaviour support practitioners and advised of this in writing. The provisional status will remain in place until the practitioner undergoes an assessment against the [Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework](#).

The Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework

The Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework focuses on the knowledge and skills that underpin contemporary evidence-based practice. It reflects the diversity and variation of the sector's capability in delivering behaviour support and provides a pathway for recognition and professional progression for practitioners.

The aim of the Positive Behaviour Support Capability Framework is to strengthen the safeguards for people receiving behaviour support and demonstrate a clear commitment to the reduction and elimination of restrictive practices.

Who Is the PBS Capability Framework For?

The PBS Capability Framework is for behaviour support practitioners who intend to register in their own right as sole practitioners under registration group 0110 (specialist behaviour support), or behaviour support practitioners who will be working for, or be engaged by, a registered 0110 service provider.

These practitioners need to be considered suitable by the NDIS Commission to deliver specialist positive behaviour support as an NDIS behaviour support practitioner [NDIS (Quality Indicators) Guidelines 2018].

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According to the NDIS Rules, an NDIS behaviour support practitioner can “undertake behaviour support assessments (including functional behaviour assessments) and develop behaviour support plans that may contain the use of restrictive practices” [NDIS (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Rules 2018, Section 5].

There are four levels of behaviour support practitioners within the PBS Capability Framework. These levels articulate the capabilities of a core practitioner through to recognising the expertise of highly experienced and specialist practitioners.