# Sector readiness plan

# This plan gives an overview of the resources the Commission will publish to help the aged care sector prepare for the new *Aged Care Act*.

The resources being developed by the Commission aim to:

- provide information to older people, workers, providers, other stakeholders in the sector and the wider community as soon as it is practicably available.
- make information and products easy to find and navigate, noting the volume and complexity of information that will be available to the sector from the Commission and others.
- ensure as wide a reach of information and products as possible, by providing key information in a range of formats and spotlighting it at different times.
- support diverse audiences by producing tailored resources for First Nations and culturally and linguistically diverse providers, workers and older people.

**Updated April 2025** 

Please note that information (including dates) in this plan may change. Please refer to the monthly Quality Bulletin and our website to keep up to date.

### **January**

- ✓ Updated <u>provider guidance</u> published in the Digital Guidance Tool.
- ✓ Introductory videos published on the Commission website and YouTube channel.

#### Infection prevention and control

**Strengthened Quality Standards** 

✓ <u>E-learning modules</u> available on the Commission's online learning platform, Alis, for workers and managers including outbreak management templates and documents. •

#### Legend

- For older people
- For providers
- For workers
- For First Nations providers, workers and older people

# **February**

#### **Financial and Prudential Standards**

- ✓ Commission sector <u>webinar</u> and <u>presentation slides</u> 18 February.
- ✓ Financial and Prudential Standards guidance materials published. 

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#### **Strengthened Quality Standards**

- ✓ Video on Standards 1-3 published. ●
- ✓ Conversation cards published for providers and older people to support understanding of the role of the Strengthened Quality Standards in the provision of aged care.
- ✓ Worker, governing body and provider guidance with home care service context considerations published.

#### Food, nutrition and dining

✓ E-learning modules available on Alis about dementia and choice for workers and managers. ● ●

#### New Aged Care Act

✓ Targeted <u>resources for First Nations audiences</u> on the role of the Commission and rights of older people in aged care.

#### **Provider registration**

✓ Commission <u>Provider registration policy</u> information published. •

## March

#### **Strengthened Quality Standards**

- ✓ Commission sector <u>webinar</u>, <u>presentation slides</u> and <u>resources</u> **18 March**.
- ✓ <u>E-learning modules</u> available on Alis for workers and managers deepening understanding of the strengthened quality standards through case studies. •
- ✓ New <u>live learning sessions</u> launched to explore implementing the Standards in practice. ● ●
- ✓ <u>Videos on Standards 4–5</u> published. ●
- First Nations workplace posters on Standard 1 (The individual), Standard 2 (The organisation), Standard 3 (The care and services), Standard 4 (The environment), Standard 5 (Clinical care), Standard 6 (Food and Nutrition) and Standard 7 (The residential community). ●

#### Worker regulation

✓ Updated materials published about the <u>Code of Conduct</u>. ●

#### **Complaints handling**

✓ Complaints handling checklist published about the steps to take when responding to feedback or complaints.

#### New Aged Care Act

- ✓ <u>Targeted resources</u> for older people from diverse backgrounds.
- ✓ <u>First Nations toolkit</u> published with key resources, messages and links ■



April May June

#### **Provider Registration**

- Commission sector webinar 15 April.
- Provider Handbook published in Digital Guidance tool.
- Provider Registration Guidance published in Digital Guidance tool.
- Videos published explaining the registration process.
- Map of provider obligations by category published.
- Resources for First Nations providers.

#### **Strengthened Quality Standards**

• Video published on Standards 6–7. ● ●



#### **Compliance and Enforcement**

- Commission sector webinar 20 May.
- Commission compliance and enforcement policy information published.
- Provider supervision webpage and videos launched.
- Enforcement case studies published exploring how we use intelligence and our approach to resolving incidents.

#### **Complaints handling**

 Videos published explaining the Commission's processes and expectations when we receive a complaint.

#### Audit

 New recorded live learning session on the regulatory landscape and E-learning module on the audit process available through Alis.

#### Ready to go

 Two Commission sector webinars to recap key aspects of the reforms and provider obligations under the new Aged Care Act.

#### **Strengthened Quality Standards**

 Updated E-learning modules available in Alis exploring the Standards.

#### **Financial and Prudential Standards**

- Fact sheets published for older people explaining the Financial and Prudential Standards. ●
- Educational materials for providers, including videos, factsheets and posters published.

#### Audit

 Training resources published to support providers to educate their staff.

#### **Complaints handling**

 Video published about rights-based and person-centred complaints handling.