

Disability Employment Australia is the national peak body for Australia's Disability Employment Services.

We represent, support and resource our members to provide high quality, innovative and effective best practice services to assist people with disability into sustainable and enduring employment.

Represent, Support, Resource

Disability Employment Australia is the only peak body in Australia to focus solely on the nexus of disability and employment. Our specialised DES operations and policy knowledge are crucial to our strong leadership and targeted service provision in the employment sector.

Your membership benefits

Stay up-to-date with the **latest developments** impacting the sector

Inform Disability Employment Australia's **policy positions**

Call or email our **operations help desk** for compliance support and increased performance viability

Access sector specific **capability development training** via interactive online training, bespoke in-house workshops and comprehensive training packages

Attend Australia's preeminent disability employment **conference** along with member-only **National Leaders' Forums** and the first ever **DES Practitioner Symposium**

Receive regular DES operations and policy bulletins to ensure staff are **fully informed** with current information and connected to relevant resources

Utilise our ever-increasing range of resources to enhance your delivery of **best practice services**

Benefit from the promotion of your good news stories through our online networks and established **social media platforms**

Target skilled staff by **advertising vacant positions** directly to the sector via website and weekly news bulletins

Influence board elections and constitutional matters

Join a professional and welcoming **network** of service providers

Support Australia's disability employment peak body to **represent** the aspirations of people with disability in open employment

About Disability Employment Australia

Disability Employment Australia is the peak industry body for Australia's Disability Employment Services (DES).

We are recognised internationally as the preeminent organisation representing, supporting and resourcing the disability employment sector throughout Australia.

As a membership organisation, we exist to represent the interests of Disability Employment Services at a national level to government and a range of other stakeholders, such as consumer and employer groups.

Disability Employment Australia supports the Australian Government to deliver high quality employment support to people with disability in Australia.

We have a unique responsibility to foster innovation and flexibility of service within the Disability Employment Services program.

We support our members to achieve best practice service provision in their role to find employment outcomes for people with disability.

We advise, advocate, train, inform and undertake events to strengthen and promote the sector.

We believe in the right of every member of society to be included fully in the community, and to have control over their own life choices. Participation in the open labour market is a crucial factor in recognising this goal.

We strive to inspire, challenge and celebrate the Disability Employment Services sector.

Disability Employment Australia's history dates back to 1986 at a state level, with the inception of a national disability employment program in Australia. The national organisation was formally established in 1996 as ACE National Network. Our mission remains closely aligned with the purposes and objectives of the Disability Services Act 1986.

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"Disability Employment Australia have a unique understanding of the position of job seekers with disability and the barriers they face in accessing employment.

Their guidance and advice on contract changes and complexities is timely and informative, and consultation with members provides great opportunity for regular feedback and input."

– Christine Sanger, *Chief Executive Officer,*
The Personnel Group

Over 70% of the DES sectors are members of Disability Employment Australia because they value our specialisation. Join your colleagues – enquire about membership today.

For more information about Disability Employment Australia Membership, contact us on 03 9012 6000 or info@disabilityemployment.org.au



A message from Craig Harrison, CEO, Disability Employment Australia

We believe that our position – as the only peak body in Australia to work exclusively on disability employment issues – gives us a privileged responsibility to ensure that the interests of people with disability are at the heart of everything we do.

Our conviction that employment in the open labour market is a central tenet of social inclusion ensures that the Disability Employment Services program remains relevant and accessible to people with disability, and importantly, that the program provides a viable and manageable framework for DES providers to operate successful businesses.

We will continue to advocate for the sustainability of a distinctive Disability Employment Services program, differentiated from mainstream employment services.

As an organisation, one of our ongoing goals is the promotion of the DES program and of disability employment more generally – including building awareness in the community and to a variety of stakeholder groups.

Our range of professional Capability Development products are tailored to Disability Employment Services, and significantly strengthen the capacity of the sector to deliver employment services to people with disability and to employers. Our members benefit from significantly reduced training registration rates.

As a membership organisation, we place high value on the input of all our members, and the diversity of experience that this brings. We work to involve as many organisations as possible in our activities, for example through requests to contribute to consultations, surveys, reference and working groups or requests for feedback on submissions and participation in a wide range of projects.

Join us – as your peak body, we are here to support, represent and resource you.

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