

Aged Care Act 2024 and the New Regulatory Model

Programme descriptor

DOCUMENT CONTROL

- Programme: Aged Care Act 2024 and the New Regulatory Model (OBA-ACA-2026)
- Audience: Prospective participants, employers and funding bodies
- Version 1.0 | Issued 22/09/2026 | Review due 22/03/2027
- Provider: OBA Nursing Academy

The finding this programme is built on

At the date this programme was issued the ACT was on COMPILATION 2, compiled 1 July 2026, including amendments made by one amending Act. The RULES were on COMPILATION 10, compiled 1 August 2026 - and the Federal Register flagged them as HAVING UNINCORPORATED AMENDMENTS, which means further amendments had been made and were not yet reflected in the compiled text. Ten compilations in nine months. Every one of those compilations could move something in Module 04, 05, 07 or 09, and none of them would move anything in Module 01 or 02.

Which is why a nurse who has been told 'the Act requires' has almost always been told something inaccurate, and why the single most useful habit in this subject is three words long: which instrument, which section.

What a participant can do afterwards

- Name the instrument and the section that carries any obligation covered by this programme, and check its currency on the Federal Register before relying on it.
- State both halves of Act s24 - that the Statement of Rights is not enforceable by proceedings in a court or tribunal, and the four mechanisms that give it effect.
- Work out which Quality Standards apply to their own service, from its registration categories and Rules s15-5.
- Apply the reportable incident test: the eight kinds, the trigger of allegation or suspicion, the two periods, and the equity provision at Rules s165A-25(3).
- Recognise each of the five restrictive practices by the primary purpose test, and know that using one outside the requirements is itself a reportable incident.
- Know where the whistleblower protections are, who a protected disclosure may be made to, and what the protection does and does not cover.

Structure

Module	Title	Time
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00	Orientation: Where the Law Actually Is	32 min
01	The Act: Eight Chapters, and the Definitions Everything Hangs On	35 min
02	The Statement of Rights, and the Three Subsections of Section 24	34 min
03	The Rules: Where Your Obligations Actually Live	31 min
04	Registration Categories, and Which Standards Apply to You	27 min
05	The Strengthened Quality Standards: Seven, Thirty-Six, and a Numbering That Is Not Law	32 min
06	Standard 5 and the Workforce Outcomes: Clinical Care, and Two Nobody Mentions	35 min
07	The Aged Care Code of Conduct, and the Four Codes You Are Bound By	30 min
08	The Provider Duty: Reasonably Practicable, Serious Failure, and Penalty Units	33 min
09	Reportable Incidents: Eight Kinds, Two Priorities, and the Impairment Rule	38 min
10	Restrictive Practices, Whistleblowing, and What to Check on Monday	40 min

Total 9.0 CPD hours, measured. Assessment: 60 items at 80%, plus 5 case studies.

Who it is for

Role	Why
Registered nurses in aged care	Standard 5 is the clinical care Standard and Outcome 5.3 governs medicines. The reportable incident test names the registered nurse in the definition of medical or psychological treatment.
Enrolled nurses	The Aged Care Code of Conduct binds aged care workers directly under Act s173, and requirement (f) is an obligation to raise concerns promptly.
Clinical and care managers	Which Standards apply, which categories the service is registered in, and the incident machinery are all daily decisions.
Quality and compliance staff	The citation habit, the currency check and the policy audit are the working tools.
Responsible persons	Act s180 imposes a due diligence duty, and Rules

	s14-10 applies the Code of Conduct to responsible persons in the first person.
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SCOPE, CURRENCY AND THE LIMIT OF THIS PROGRAMME

- This programme is professional development. It explains the Aged Care Act 2024 and the Aged Care Rules 2025 as they stood at the date of issue, with the register identifier and compilation number of each; it does not replace them, and IT IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE. It cannot tell you whether your service complies, whether a specific incident is a reportable incident or which priority it is, what the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission would decide, or what a court or tribunal would do. Civil penalties are stated in PENALTY UNITS exactly as the Act states them and are never converted to dollars, because the value of a penalty unit is set elsewhere and is indexed. Your employer's policies and procedures govern your practice, and where this programme and your service's documented process differ, follow your service's process and ask why they differ.
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SUPPORT - FOR YOU

- Nurse & Midwife Support - 1800 667 877. 24 hours, seven days. Free and confidential, for nurses, midwives and students - including if you are carrying an incident, a disclosure you have made or are considering, or an investigation.
- Lifeline - 13 11 14. 24 hours, seven days. National crisis support.
- You may stop this programme at any point and come back. Nothing is timed and there is no penalty.