

Citation card

Which instrument, which section, which layer

DOCUMENT CONTROL

- Programme: Trained and Assessed as Competent: SIL Practice Standards and Worker Competency (OBA-SIL-2026)
- Audience: Anybody who writes a policy, a training document or an evidence statement
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- Provider: OBA Nursing Academy

The habit this programme installs is three words long: WHICH INSTRUMENT, WHICH SECTION. 'Quality Indicators Guidelines 2018, s72D(3)' beats 'the SIL Standards say'. 'Rules Schedule 7A clause 5' beats 'Practice Governance'. And give the REGISTER ID with the compilation number - F2018L00631 Compilation No. 6 for the Rules, F2026N00443 for the amending Guidelines - because a register ID plus a compilation number is the only citation that survives the next amendment.

THREE LAYERS, AND ONLY TWO OF THEM ARE LAW

- PRACTICE STANDARDS - Rules F2018L00631, Schedule 7A, clauses 3 to 6. Four short outcome statements.
- QUALITY INDICATORS - Quality Indicators Guidelines 2018, Part 8A, ss72A to 72E. Twenty-five indicators, and where every named training practice appears.
- GUIDANCE - the Commission's published module. Worker statements, provider statements and participant expectation statements exist only here, and they are not the citation for an obligation.

The six questions, in order

Ask	Because
Which instrument is this in?	The Rules or the Guidelines. If somebody says 'the SIL Standards require', check: the four standards are Schedule 7A clauses 3-6 of the Rules and they are outcome statements. Almost every specific requirement is a quality indicator in the Guidelines.
Which section or clause?	'Schedule 7A cl 5' for the standard, 's72D(3)' for the indicator. A citation that names only the standard cannot be checked by the person you gave it to.
Is it an obligation, or is it guidance about the obligation?	The Commission's published module, the worker and participant statements, and the aged care 'Action X.Y.Z' numbers are guidance. They are useful for navigation and they are not the citation.
Does it say COMPLETE, or does it say COMPETENT?	s72D(3) says trained and assessed as competent. Aged Care Rules s15-15(15)(a) says skilled and

	competent. If your evidence is a completion record, it answers neither.
Who does it bind?	Most indicators bind the PROVIDER to have policies, to train, and to assess. A few describe what workers do. Naming the holder is what makes a gap reportable.
Which compilation was I reading, and when?	F2018L00631 Compilation No. 6 at the date of issue of this programme. Write the compilation number and the date you checked next to the citation.

Where the obligations live

What you need	Instrument and provision
The four SIL Practice Standards	RULES F2018L00631, Schedule 7A, cl 3-6
The twenty-five quality indicators	GUIDELINES, Part 8A, ss72B-72E
Which providers must comply, and how they are assessed	RULES s20 and the s20(3) table
Whether an arrangement is SIL	RULES s7(5), three limbs
Whether a service is an NDIS digital platform	RULES s5A
The duty to be registered	RULES s7(4) SIL and s7(6) digital platform, under Act s73E
The aged care workforce obligation	AGED CARE RULES F2025L01173 s15-15(15) and (16)
The aged care screening and training condition	AGED CARE ACT C2024A00104 s152

The identifiers

Instrument	Register ID	Version at the date of issue
NDIS (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Rules 2018	F2018L00631	Compilation No. 6, compiled 01/07/2026. No unincorporated amendments recorded.
Quality Indicators Guidelines 2018 - the amending instrument	F2026N00443	Made 23/06/2026, commenced 1 July 2026. Inserts Part 8A.
Aged Care Rules 2025	F2025L01173	Compilation No. 10, compiled 01/08/2026.
Aged Care Act 2024	C2024A00104	Compilation No. 2, compiled 01/07/2026.

A REGISTER ID PLUS A COMPILATION NUMBER

A register ID identifies the instrument and never changes. A compilation number identifies the version of the text. A citation with both survives the next amendment; a citation with neither cannot be checked by the person you gave it to.

Write your own, and date it

Fill this in for an obligation your organisation relies on. Then check it again in six months.

The obligation, in your own words

Layer - Practice Standard, quality indicator, or guidance

Instrument

Clause or section

Register ID and compilation number

Date I checked the register

Where our policy says it, and whether the policy agrees
