

Which-instrument citation card

Which instrument, which provision, which compilation

DOCUMENT CONTROL

- Programme: NDIS Practice Standards for Workers: What Binds You, and What Binds Your Employer (OBA-NPW-2026)
- Audience: Anybody who states an NDIS obligation to somebody else
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THE HABIT THIS PROGRAMME INSTALLS IS WHICH INSTRUMENT, WHICH PROVISION, WHICH COMPILATION. 'Quality Indicators Guidelines 2018, Part 2, s17(9), Compilation No. 3, checked 23/09/2026' beats 'the standards say you need annual refreshers'. There are FIVE instruments in this subject doing five different jobs, and almost every argument about what is required turns out to be two people quoting different ones.

TWO INSTRUMENTS, TWO DUTY-HOLDERS

- THE NDIS PRACTICE STANDARDS - Act s73T, Rules Schedule 1. They bind REGISTERED NDIS PROVIDERS, and non-compliance is a breach of a condition of registration. Act s73J can be contravened only by a registered NDIS provider.
- THE NDIS CODE OF CONDUCT - Act s73V, Code of Conduct Rules ss5-6. Code-covered persons include persons EMPLOYED OR OTHERWISE ENGAGED by NDIS providers, they MUST COMPLY, and compliance is a CIVIL PENALTY PROVISION.
- AND ONE DUTY IN A THIRD INSTRUMENT - Incident Management and Reportable Incidents Rules s19, the duty of workers to notify a reportable incident as soon as possible.

The six questions, in order

Ask	Because
Which instrument is this in?	The Act, the Practice Standards Rules, the Quality Indicators Guidelines, the Code of Conduct Rules, or the Incident Management Rules. Five instruments, and they do different jobs.
Does it bind the provider, or me?	Practice Standards and quality indicators bind the registered provider. The Code of Conduct and the s19 duty to notify bind you.
Is it a standard, an indicator, or guidance?	A standard is an outcome statement in Schedule 1. An indicator is in Part 2 of the Guidelines and says what should be demonstrated. Anything else is guidance.
What does it actually say - not what is it usually summarised as?	Open the provision. 'Prevent AND respond', 'aware of, trained in, AND comply with', 'contact details AND secondary employment' are all places where

	the summary drops half the rule.
Is there a number in it, or has somebody added one?	No refresher interval, no prescribed method of demonstrating competence, no hours on the worker's duty to notify. Where the instrument is silent, the provider decides and justifies.
Which compilation am I reading, and when did I check?	The Act compilation used here ends 01/10/2026. Write down the compilation number and the date you looked.

Where the law is

What you need	Instrument and provision	Note
The Practice Standards themselves	Rules F2018L00631, Schedule 1 (Core Module)	24 standards in 4 Parts. Made under Act s73T.
Who the standards apply to	Act s73T(1); Rules Part 6 s19; Sch 1 cl 1	Registered NDIS providers, and applicants for registration.
What happens if a provider does not meet them	Act s73F(2)(c), s73J	Breach of a condition of registration. Only a registered provider can contravene s73J.
The quality indicators	Quality Indicators Guidelines 2018 F2018N00041, Part 2	Four Divisions mirroring the four Parts of Schedule 1.
The Code of Conduct	NDIS (Code of Conduct) Rules 2018 F2018L00629, ss5-6	Seven obligations at s6(1), plus the pricing rule at s6(2). Made under Act s73V.
Who the Code applies to	CoC Rules s5(2)	NDIS providers AND persons employed or otherwise engaged by them, and key personnel.
The penalty for a worker	Act s73V(3)	250 penalty units in a case other than a serious contravention by an NDIS provider.
Banning orders against a worker	Act s73ZN(2)	Against a person who is or was employed or otherwise engaged by an NDIS provider.
Your duty to notify a reportable incident	Incident Management and Reportable Incidents Rules 2018 F2018L00633, s19	Notify key personnel, a supervisor or manager, or the specified person, as soon as possible.
What a reportable incident is	Act s73Z(4); IM Rules s16, s17	Six categories, and an alleged incident counts.
The provider's reporting windows	IM Rules s20, s21	24 hours for five categories; 5 business days in writing for the rest.
Worker screening	NDIS (Practice Standards - Worker Screening) Rules 2018, and State/Territory law	NOT READ IN THIS BUILD. The programme names the layer and states none of its content.

The identifiers

Instrument	Register ID	Version at the date of issue
National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013	C2013A00020	Compilation No. 27, compiled 19/09/2026. ENDS 01/10/2026.
NDIS (Provider Registration and Practice Standards) Rules 2018	F2018L00631	Compilation No. 6, compiled 01/07/2026.

NDIS (Quality Indicators for NDIS Practice Standards) Guidelines 2018	F2018N00041	Compilation No. 3, compiled 01/07/2026.
NDIS (Code of Conduct) Rules 2018	F2018L00629	Compilation No. 1, compiled 19/12/2023.
NDIS (Incident Management and Reportable Incidents) Rules 2018	F2018L00633	As made, 18/05/2018. Never amended.

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.
- AND A TRAP FOUND ON THIS BUILD: the register's version list returns FUTURE compilations first. The top row for the Act was a version starting 01/01/2028 carrying unincorporated amendments. Always take the version whose start date is on or before today and whose end date is after it.

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

Which instrument - Act, Practice Standards Rules, Quality Indicators Guidelines, Code of Conduct Rules, or Incident Rules

Provision - schedule and clause, or section and subsection

WHOM DOES IT BIND - the registered provider, or the worker

Register ID and compilation number

Date I checked the register

Where our policy says it, and whether the policy agrees
