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The Commonwealth has provided an update on NDIS participants and workforce and COVID-19 as at Friday, 21 August 2020. The reporting will ensure accurate and timely information is being provided to the community. The data is collated through reporting mechanisms of the NDIS Quality and Safeguard Commission and compiled by the Commonwealth's NDIS Critical Response Group.

The Government reminds NDIS participants, disability support workers and NDIS providers of measures in place to ensure continuity of services in a COVIDSafe setting:

- The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has created a panel of four large experienced disability providers in Victoria to offer additional workforce support for participants living in residential support settings if required.
- Aspen Medical has been appointed to provide a clinical first response for any identified outbreak in Victoria, which will ensure that infection control procedures, personal protective equipment (PPE) and nursing support is immediately in place for residents and workers, if needed.
- The NDIA has launched [a dedicated webpage](#) to help providers and participants find additional support workers during the pandemic.
- International students studying relevant courses currently working for registered disability service providers will be exempt from the usual 40-hour per fortnight work limit to help boost workforce supply.

Read the [Minister's media release](#) that includes the data as at Friday 21 August 2020.

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