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The Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Minister for the NDIS and Government Services, is calling on qualified disability support workers to join a register to cover potential workforce shortages and critical shifts over the winter months.

“The disability workforce isn’t immune to workforce shortages that often happen during winter,” Minister Shorten said.

“The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and IPA Personnel created this register so qualified disability support workers can be deployed locally on a short-term basis.”

The Winter Relief Workforce register ensures the continuity of supports for NDIS participants in the event the community is hit with workforce shortages.

“So if you’re a qualified disability support worker, whether you’re retired or close to completing your disability qualifications, come forward and help support participants in your local community this winter,” Minister Shorten said.

Providers across the country can request Winter Relief Workforce staff, if required.

Candidates will need a minimum Certificate III in Disability or equivalent qualifications and experience working with people with disability.

Placements will be local, and workers would not be expected to be available on a full-time basis. They will only be called when other support arrangements are unavailable.

IPA Personnel Services is a certified social enterprise recruitment agency, and is experienced in supporting candidates.

For further information or to register your interest, visit winterrelief.com.au

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