



Disability Employment Services Grant Agreement (Direction and Advice No. 7) (Star Ratings for Education Outcomes) 2020

I, Tarja Saastamoinen, Branch Manager, Disability Employment Services Branch, Department of Social Services, issue the following direction under each Disability Employment Services Grant Agreement entered into by the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Social Services) under and in accordance with the *Disability Services Act 1986* (each the *Agreement*) and provide the following advice to Providers under the Agreement.

Dated 31st July 2020

1 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

advice means the advice in section 5.

Agreement means each Disability Employment Services Grant Agreement entered into by the Commonwealth (represented by the Department of Social Services) under and in accordance with the *Disability Services Act 1986*.

direction means the direction in section 4.

(2) Other words and expressions have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

2 Commencement

This instrument takes effect on 17 August 2020.

3 Authority

This direction is made under clause 14.1 of the Agreement.

4 Direction

Each Provider must perform all Services with reference to item 5 of this Direction, and in accordance with the Agreement, as varied by this Direction, on and from the Effective Date.

5 Advice

Under clause 155.2(b)(i) and the definition of ‘Star Ratings’ in Annexure A of the Agreement, the Disability Employment Services Star Ratings may be assessed at the Department’s absolute discretion. In accordance with clause 155.2(b)(i) of the Agreement, in order to achieve better outcomes for Participants in maintaining suitable employment, the Department has decided to remove Education Outcomes from the methodology for the calculation of Disability Employment Services Star Ratings. Any 13-week or 26-week Full or Pathway Education Outcomes will be excluded from all Disability Employment Services Star Ratings calculations associated with Education Placements commenced on or after 17 August 2020.