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New Eligibility for Disability Services and Programs Sector-Wide Policy

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) advises that a new Eligibility for Disability Services and Programs Sector-Wide policy has recently been finalised. The policy came into effect on 1 February 2014.

The policy provides a consistent and transparent framework for determining eligibility for disability services and programs that are provided or funded by DCSI.

The policy provides clarity for people with disability about their eligibility for disability services and programs, and guidance to all DCSI staff and DCSI funded organisations on determining eligibility.

The policy has a strong focus on promoting the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all people with disability, and respect for their inherent dignity. The policy also affirms that intake and assessment practices must be underpinned by a commitment to the principle of client participation in decision making, which seeks to enable maximum choice and control for the person with disability.

This overarching policy includes guiding principles and eligibility requirements for determining eligibility for disability services and programs, and information about DCSI's feedback and complaints mechanism.

Availability of the policy:

The policy is now available on the DCSI website at:

<http://www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/services/disability-sa/disability-sa-policies-and-guidelines>

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