



This Newsletter is issued to provide updates to DVA Contracted Community Nursing Providers

Fair Work Commission's Aged Care Work Value Case – Historical Leave Liabilities

As part of the Australian Government's commitment to fund the Fair Work Commission's Aged Care Work Value Case (ACWVC) Stage 3 decision to further increase award wages for aged care workers, funding has been made available to Community Nursing providers to fund historical leave liabilities.

This round of Historical Leave Liability Funding covers the August 2026 increase to nursing fee items in the Community Nursing Schedule of Fees for the August 2026 Nurses' Award Wage increase.

If you are a **DVA-only** provider of Community Nursing services, **are not** an aged care provider (i.e. you do not deliver aged care programs such as Residential Aged Care, Support at Home program, Commonwealth Home Support Programme etc.) **and** you have an employee/s impacted by the Fair Work Commission ACWVC decision, you can apply for historical leave liability funding from DVA directly.

Further information on the aged care wage increase can be found at the [Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's website](#).

How to apply?

You will need to provide your historical leave liability by completing the **Provider Application Form (D9527)** and provide relevant documentation to support your claim and submit this by email to DVA at DVA.SUSTAINABILITY.PAYMENTS@dva.gov.au.

The closing date for the submission of applications and supporting documentation is **30 October 2026**. DVA will not accept any new applications after the closing date of 30 October 2026.

New Aged Care Act Toolkit to support communications with older people

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has developed a toolkit to help peak bodies, advocacy organisations and community groups inform older people, their families and carers about the new Aged Care Act (the new Act). It includes supporting infographics and animation that illustrate how the different parts of the new Act fit together. It is designed to support understanding of the key improvements to Australia's aged care system under the new Act.

More information is available on the following webpage: [Stakeholder toolkit to support communications with older people | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#).

VET Integrity Campaign - 'Real Skills Deserve Real Recognition'

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) is engaged in a range of initiatives to promote the integrity of the Vocation and Education Training (VET) system for students, employers and industry.

The [Real Skills Deserve Real Recognition](#) resources explain the proper recognition of prior learning (RPL) process, highlight common red flags, and promote the importance of qualification integrity across the VET system.

The **Student Factsheets** provide practical guidance on identifying genuine RPL and recognising warning signs, and can be downloaded here:

- [VET Integrity Red flags Students Factsheet](#)
- [VET Integrity Quality Training student factsheet](#)

Dementia Training Program - Grant Opportunity

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is supporting the Dementia Training Program (DTP) grant opportunity to fund the delivery of accredited and non-accredited education, upskilling and professional development in dementia care. The delivery of DTP activities will reflect the emerging dementia, health and aged care landscape, including recent aged care reforms and increasing demand for services.

The DTP will provide education, training and professional development in dementia care for health and aged care workers across Australia, with funding available across two streams:

1. Training and education to provide dementia care for the broader Australian community, including people from diverse backgrounds
2. Culturally safe, community-led training for First Nations communities and workforces.

For more information about the grant opportunity, please visit [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO8507: GrantConnect](#).

Applications close on **29 September 2026**.

Practical steps to reduce dementia risk

The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing has also published a new stakeholder kit for dementia risk reduction. It is intended for use by primary care practitioners, including general practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals and people in midlife.

The stakeholder kit includes:

- key messages for primary care practitioners and people in midlife
- ready-to-use newsletter and website content
- suggested social media posts.

To download the stakeholder kit and for more information on reducing dementia risk, including a risk assessment that calculates a personalised dementia risk score, visit [Dementia | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#).