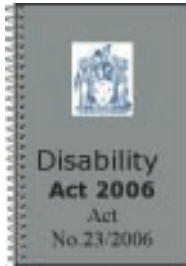


Access to disability services

Disability Act 2006



From the 1st July of 2007 the *Disability Act 2006* is the new law for people with a disability.



One of the things the new law talks about is making it fair for people with a disability to get disability services.



When you are thinking about what type of services you want, you can also look at services that other people in the community can get as well.

What is different about how people will get disability services now?



People with an intellectual disability do not have to be assessed or 'registered' with the Department of Human Services to get services.



A disability service provider will only need to do an assessment if they are unsure that you have a disability.



A disability service provider may say you do not have a disability.

If you think this decision is not fair, you can ask the Secretary to make a decision.



If you are not happy with the decision the Secretary has made, you can ask the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to make a decision.

When will you get services?



If you are told that you have a disability and you can get services you may have to wait a while before you get services.

This is because the disability service provider may need to think about other people who are also waiting for a service.



For more information about the *Disability Act 2006*:



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