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Barriers to employment for people with disabilities removed

People with disabilities will find it easier to get work following changes made to Disability Employment Services, announced by the Federal Government today.

The peak body for all providers of employment and related services, NESAS*, welcomed the new provisions today.

“The changes, that take effect next year, will make it easier for providers to give the more tailored and timely services that people with disabilities who are wanting to work, need,” CEO of NESAS Sally Sinclair said.

“This will lead to more sustainable employment for many more Australians with a disability, who want to work,” Sally said.

“We are pleased that the Minister, Brendan O’Connor, has listened to what the providers of disability employment services have said about how the new proposed system could be improved and that he has largely accepted the changes that the industry has been advocating,” Sally said.

Sally said that these changes will help to foster the natural transition from school to work for people with disabilities, and will allow job seekers who have a disability to be employed by more than one employer, and to receive ongoing support from their employment service provider, so that they are supported to stay in the job.

“In essence, these changes will allow our members to provide better support services to people with a disability to help them find sustainable employment,” Sally said.

**NESAS, the National Employment Services Association is the peak, representative industry body for all providers of Australian Government contracted employment and related services.*
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