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| Department of Health and Human Services Factsheet |
| Information for SIL providers  |

# Requirements of Victorian SIL providers

* Victoria will retain responsibility for regulating residential rights for people with a disability living in Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) enrolled dwellings.
* Under the NDIS the provision of Supported Independent Living (SIL) and SDA services has been separated and SIL providers will no longer be responsible for residential management. This separation of functions aims to improve the choice and control of SDA residents by enabling them to choose who provides their housing and who provides their support.
* SIL providers will continue to play a critical role in supporting individuals to develop the skills to live as independently as possible in SDA enrolled dwellings, as well as working closely with SDA providers of SDA enrolled dwellings to help facilitate many of the tenancy management functions SDA providers will soon be responsible for, and to facilitate access to SDA enrolled dwellings by community visitors.
* Residential rights for people with disability living in SDA enrolled dwellings are protected under the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (RTA). Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) is the state regulator of the RTA.

# What to do now

* SIL providers will continue to manage residential arrangements under the existing residential statement and meet the requirements of Part 5, Division 2 of the *Disability Act 2006* until all residents have transitioned to new residential agreements under the RTA.
* Existing provider registration under the Disability Act will continue until all SDA residents have transitioned to SDA arrangements.

# What to do when residents have transitioned to SDA

* Roles and responsibilities of SDA and SIL providers under the NDIS are provided in the NDIS Act (2013), NDIS Rules, and SDA module in the NDIS Practice Standards.
* SDA and SIL providers will enter into collaborative agreements for working with SDA residents. These collaborative agreements will reflect both the NDIS requirements for SIL and SDA providers and new roles and responsibilities of SDA providers and residency rights of SDA residents under the RTA.
* The collaborative agreement will include how SIL and SDA providers will work together in supporting residents to exercise their rights and responsibilities under their new residency agreements.

## More information

* More information about entering into collaborative agreements is available on the [NDIS website](https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers).
* Refer to the [*Residential Tenancies Act 1997*](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/LTObject_Store/ltobjst10.nsf/DDE300B846EED9C7CA257616000A3571/065A626761BFD69FCA2584D60010A531/%24FILE/97-109aa089%20authorised.pdf) for information on the new SDA laws, and the [Consumer Affairs Victoria web-site](https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/housing/renting/types-of-rental-agreements/specialist-disability-accommodation).
* Questions about implementing the new SDA laws and other implementation issues may be sent to: qualityandsafeguards@dhhs.vic.gov.au.

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