

the
COLLABORATIVE
Partnership
to improve work participation

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The Collaborative Partnership would like to acknowledge the impact Coronavirus (COVID-19) is having on Australia's GPs, health services, employers, employees and those seeking to enter the workforce.

The work of the Collaborative Partnership to improve work participation is more important than ever. Australians are facing increasing uncertainty in this environment with many losing their jobs or adjusting to new working arrangements. Those seeking to enter the workforce are also facing significant disruption. Our work continues to progress and we are using this time to find ways that will best support people with a health condition or disability, during this challenging period.

We had planned to actively promote the *Principles on the role of the GP in supporting work participation* with GPs, however we have postponed our launch activities until later in the year. For now, we have published the Principles online, and sharing with you as a valued supporter of the Collaborative Partnership.

RELEASED: Australia's first GP principles to support work participation

Led by the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine through the Collaborative Partnership, the *Principles on the role of the GP in supporting work participation* provides guidance on empowering people with a health condition or disability to engage in good work.

The Principles are designed to support anyone with a health condition or disability that impacts their ability to work, including people accessing any benefit or income support system.

The role of GPs includes understanding a patient's needs and advocating to ensure they are empowered to choose and control their treatment pathway, recovery, goals including work participation. It also highlights the need for GPs, employers and other professionals to communicate more effectively as a team.

The *Principles on the role of the GP in supporting work participation* has been officially recognised as a Supported Position Statement by The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

"GPs are in a critical position to support the long-term health and social outcomes of individuals and families, and this includes recognising that employment is a key social determinant of health and supporting participation in good work."

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30%

NDIS aims to have 30 per cent of working age participants in paid employment by 2023



Delivered by the
National Disability
Insurance Agency

Welcome NDIA

The NDIA has officially joined the Collaborative Partnership and brings significant expertise and experience in the disability sector, including its focus on targeting employers as part of its recently released [NDIS Participant Employment strategy](#).

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The Collaborative Partnership is a national alliance working together to improve work participation. We have made some important progress, but there is still work to do to break down barriers in our systems and culture to bring about changes that benefit all Australians.

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