

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ17-000448**

**Topic: Quality and Safeguards - Practice Standards**

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**Senator Murray Watt asked:**

Have reference groups been established, and what stakeholders are participating, for the proposed Quality and Safeguarding Framework Practice Standards covering:

- a. Disability Practice Standards
- b. Mental Health Practice Standards
- c. Positive Behaviour Support Practice Standards
- d. Complex Support Coordination Practice Standards
- e. Early Childhood Support Practice Standards
- f. High-Intensity Daily Personal Activities Practice Standards
- g. Participants with Complex Needs Practice Standards
- h. Specialist Disability Accommodation Practice Standards

**Answer:**

The NDIS Practice Standards under development currently consist of the following modules:

- Core Standard
- Supplementary Module 1 – High Intensity Daily Personal Activities
- Supplementary Module 2 – Specialised Behaviour Supports
- Supplementary Module 3 – Community Nursing
- Supplementary Module 4 – Early Childhood Supports

These Practice Standards cover all items referred to in the question.

All providers who require certification will be assessed against the Core module, while providers delivering complex supports will be assessed against a combination of the Core module and one or more of the Supplementary modules.

The Technical Reference Group (TRG) has participated in consultation, drafting and development of the NDIS Practice Standards, including all the issues referred to in the question. TRG includes representatives from all state and territory governments, the Federal Department of Health, the National Disability Insurance Agency, and stakeholders from Disabled People's Organisations Australia (representing National Ethnic Disability Alliance, First Peoples Disability Network, Women with Disabilities Australia and People with Disability Australia), National Disability Services, Children and Young People with Disability Australia, and the Attendant Care Industry Association.