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Question

FEATURES OF THE NEW DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FACT SHEET

Funding structure targeting resources to disadvantaged job seekers

In the fact sheet titled "Features of the New Disability Employment Services" it states that one of the features of the new Disability Employment Services is "a funding structure that targets resources to the most disadvantaged job seekers". What specific criteria have been developed to ensure that the funding structure will target resources to the most disadvantaged job seekers?

Answer

Disability Employment Services comprise two programs, with a streamlined referral process ensuring that job seekers are referred to the program that is appropriate to their needs. Within the Employment Support Service, a Funding Level Tool determines which funding level a participant requires. The Tool takes into account factors associated with the job seeker's disability, personal circumstances and general labour market skills so that job seekers with an anticipated higher level of disadvantage attract a higher funding level.