

NCCD workload breakthrough

Throughout 2020-21, the IEUA NSW/ACT Branch met with the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) to distil exactly what is required to collect and manage evidence for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with disability (NCCD).

As a result, DESE has issued a new Evidence Fact Sheet for the non-government sector. This Fact Sheet corrects misconceptions about the NCCD process and clearly identifies practices that are **not** required, for example:

Schools are not required to collate the evidence into one document (this includes Personalised Plans or Individual Learning Plans)

Duplication of evidence into other forms (for example, from paper to electronic), different formats (for example, an alternative template) or to other locations (such as a school portal or similar) is not required at class, school or system level

Teacher notes or annotations at the end of lessons to describe the adjustments made or recording student goals as evidence are in excess of what is required

Personnel engaged by DESE undertaking the Census post-enumeration verification (audit) will operate within this guidance when engaging with schools.

The Fact Sheet is a mandated document, making it official DESE advice.

The IEU is meeting with employers during Term 1 to discuss implementation of the Fact Sheet and urge review and reform of current practices that are contrary to this advice.

What you can do

- Download the full Fact Sheet by typing this link into your browser: bit.ly/nccd2021
- Look out for the special 4-page liftout in our March issue of Newsmonth and share with your colleagues.
- Display this flyer on your union noticeboard to help IEU members drive positive change in the workplace.