



Supporting participation program

Common questions

Part 4

Going to the forum

Putting in the application





Australian Government

Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

- The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing

We say **DHDA** for short.



- The Australian Human Rights Commission

We say **AHRC** for short.

Wrote this together.

When you see the word **we** it means
DHDA and AHRC.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

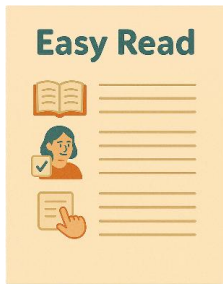
Bold

We have some words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



We can answer any questions by email.

Email us disability@humanrights.gov.au



You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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About the Supporting Participation Program



This talks about the
Supporting Participation Program.

We call it **SPP** for short.



Participation means taking part in something.



Programs are done to support people in the
community.



SPP supports people with disability to go to **international forums on human rights**.

Like the **United Nations Conference of States Parties**.



The **United Nations** is an organisation where countries come together to

- Talk about world issues
- Fix world issues.

We call it the **UN** for short.



The **Conference of States Parties** is a meeting for all countries that agreed to support the rights of people with disability.

We call it **COSP** for short.



International forums are meetings where people from different countries talk about important issues.



Human rights are rights that everyone has.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



SPP helps Australia to follow the

- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

We say **CRPD** for short.



CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

CRPD says how people with disability **must** have their **rights** respected.



SPP also supports people with disability to

- Speak up about their rights



- Represent their organisation.

About this document



This document has **4 parts**.



Part 1 is about

- The **grant**

A grant is when the government gives you money to do something.



- Where to find information about the grant



- Rules for the grant.



Part 2 is about

- **Funding.**

Funding is **money from the government** to take part.



Part 3 is about

- What information is needed



- Can I get help



- How organisations will know if they got a grant.



Part 4 is about

- Your **application**

Applications are forms you fill out to say you want funding to go to a forum.



- Going to the **forum**.

A forum is a meeting to talk about a problem.



This is **part 4**.

Do I need to be part of an organisation



Yes.

You need to be part of an organisation to apply.



This is so you can **register** for events.

Register means put your name down to go.



You can contact Australian

- **Disability Representative Organisations**

We call them **DROs** for short.



- Disability **advocacy** organisations.

Advocacy is when someone supports you to speak up for your **rights**.



You can ask if they will support your application.



You can look on the website for organisation that have UN **ECOSOC**.

esango.un.org/civilsociety/displayConsultativeStatusSearch.do?method=search

It is **not** in Easy Read.



You can look on the website for organisations that can go to COSP.

social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/cosp/list-of-non-governmental-organization-accredited-to-the-conference-of-states

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Do I have to go to the whole forum



No.

You do **not** have to go to the whole forum in person.

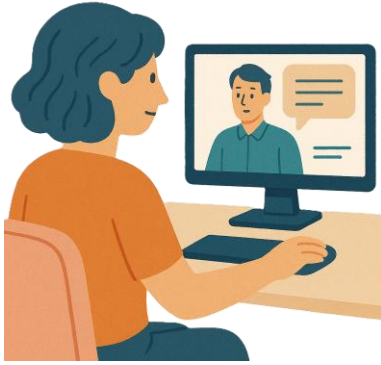


You should go to more than half of the forum in person.



This will give you a chance to

- Have a break at the forum



- Watch some parts of the forum online



- **Not** have to go for the whole time if the forum goes for 2 weeks.

You can be there for a shorter time.

When should I put in my application



You should send your application in

- At least 3 hours before it closes.



This will give you time to make sure there are **no** mistakes when sending it.



You need to put in your application before

Sunday 1 November 2026

11pm **AEDT**.



AEDT is the time in

- Canberra
- New South Wales
- Tasmania
- Victoria

If you live somewhere else you will need to check the time to send it in by.



If you are having problems you can send an email to

disability@humanrights.gov.au

What to do if I do not get an email after putting in my application



It can take up to **2 days** for an email to come back saying

- We have got your application.



It will come from AHRC.



If you do **not** get an email after **2 days** send an email to

disability@humanrights.gov.au



It might mean your application has **not** been put in.



If it has **not** been put in you can ask to put in a late application.

Can I change my application after I have put it in



Yes.

You can change your application **before** it closes.



Your organisation will need to send email a new application to

disability@humanrights.gov.au



Your organisation needs to tell us that you withdraw the application already sent.



After applications close you can only change it if

- You find a mistake after putting it in.

You need to send an email right away to

disability@humanrights.gov.au



We might ask for more information.

After applications close we might **not** be able to use the information.

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