



NGO Red Tape Reduction report – short term strategies implemented

Following the release of the [NGO Red Tape Reduction report](#), Community Services has worked closely with other Department of Human Services (DHS) agencies (Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Juvenile Justice and Housing NSW) and NSW Health to implement the short-term strategies.

The following strategies have been implemented:

- Introduction of a DHS standard grants funding application form with a consistent layout and common criteria, set word limits, reduction in the information requested by applicants and allowance for electronic submission of applications.
- The coverage and amount of insurance will be determined by service providers based on their assessment of risk. Service providers will only need to implement this change when their current insurance policy expires. At that time, service providers may wish to review the NCOSS resource, [A Guide for Not for Profit Organisations](#).
- Audited financial statements will only be required from organisations that are legally required to do so. Audit certificates will be accepted from any professional accounting or auditing body that meets Australian Auditing Standards.

Enquiries or clarification regarding the above information should be referred to the Partnership and Planning unit in your [regional office](#).