

ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE PROTOCOL

A collaborative approach to ensure persons who have hearing loss are reasonably accommodated.

WHAT DOES THE PROTOCOL ASSESS?

- Degree of hearing loss
- Clinical description of hearing loss
- Functional impact on communication, employment, education, and daily living
- Recommended management and accommodation strategies.

WHO SHOULD BE CONSULTED?

- The individual who has hearing loss
- Audiologist and ENT Specialist
- Disability sector representative
- Employer, educational institution, or service provider
- Occupational Health Consultant (where appropriate)

SUPPORTING MINIMUM STANDARDS AND GOOD PRACTICE

- Promotes consistency
- Supports good practice guidelines
- Focuses on functional impact
- Encourages self-representation
- Supports compliance with disability rights legislation
- Drives inclusion and independence

The protocol focuses on both the clinical aspects of hearing loss and its functional impact on participation and inclusion.

Meaningful participation and self-representation are essential to effective accommodation.

The protocol provides a practical framework for accommodation and aligns with disability rights principles and participation-based approaches.



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