

Comparison of Care Workers: Disability, Aged Care, AND UNPAID CARERS

TASKS AND DUTIES	Disability Care Worker	Aged Care Worker	Unpaid Carers
Hours worked	7.5 per day	7.5 per day	Up to 24/7
Salary	\$60,000 - \$70,000	\$50,000 - \$70,000	\$144.80 per fortnight if eligible
Job security	Yes	Yes	NO
Formal qualifications	Certificate in Disability	Certificate in Aged Care	NO
ANNUAL LEAVE/SICK LEAVE	Yes	Yes	NO
Ongoing Professional Development	Yes	Yes	NO
Required clearances	NPC/WWC	NPC/WWC	Not applicable
First Aid Certificate	Mandatory	Mandatory	NO
Medication Management	Mandatory	Mandatory	NO
Policies, Procedures to support worker	Mandatory	Mandatory	NO
Feeding, showering, dressing and administering medications	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preparing meals and drinks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shopping	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill paying	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tidying and cleaning, including sanitising activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Engaging with family members to offer observations, instructions and updates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Providing social support such as escorting client on outings to cafes, shops and excursions	Yes	Yes	Yes