

Nuance Gains NDIS Approval for Dragon and Releases Dragon Accessibility

Nuance Communications today announced that its popular software solution – Dragon – has gained approval by the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Federal Government's National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provides support for Australians with a disability, their families and carers. The scheme aims to support a better life for those with a significant and permanent disability.

The registration of Nuance as an NDIS supplier provides Dragon with greater and direct visibility among individuals with disability.

'Nuance has long been committed to helping those with disability improve their quality of life through the use of assistive technology,' said Derek Austin, Dragon Business Manager, Asia Pacific, Nuance. 'The NDIS approval of Dragon reaffirms our continued commitment to providing assistive technology and allows us to leverage our existing work in this field to increase awareness of the benefits of the solution among people with disability.'

Nuance's Dragon is a voice recognition software that allows individuals with dyslexia, dyspraxia, low vision, multiple sclerosis, and mobility or dexterity impediments turn thoughts into written words simply by speaking.

Dragon converts spoken words into text to help users write. It lets individuals focus on the content of their documents rather than on typing and spelling. For instance, dyslexic individuals face writing, spelling and typing challenges. Dragon removes the frustration of having to type and spell because it only requires them to speak for words to appear on the screen.

The software also assists those who cannot use their hands because it is a hands-free solution. Whether people are suffering from carpal tunnel, arthritis, wrist tendonitis or other mobility issues, Dragon lets them create reports, correspondence, and spreadsheets through voice and without the need to use a keyboard or a mouse.

Dragon's powerful voice recognition capability also lets those with an injury or a disability easily command a computer. Just by speaking, they can create and send emails, surf the Web, and control popular desktop and web applications.

As part of its continued commitment to the sector, Nuance has released a dedicated Dragon solution for the PC and Mac called Dragon Accessibility.

'We are really pleased to be able to offer a tailored and high quality communication solution such as Dragon Accessibility because we know that Dragon can make a difference to the lives of people with disability,' said Derek.

Dragon Accessibility will be available from October through Nuance's Dragon Partners and Accessibility Specialists.

Nuance is also taking part in a number of conferences throughout Australia during October, including the NDS South Australia Conference 2017 on 19th October, to highlight the benefits of Dragon.

'Ideally, the NDIS will bring greater diversity and competition to the sector, but most importantly, it will let people with disability exercise choice and control over the tools they wish to use to support their needs and

hopefully, improve their lives,' added Derek.

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