

Eligibility requirements for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Fact sheet

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Key points:

You are eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) if you:

- are under 65 years of age, and
- are an Australian citizen or resident or permanent visa holder, and
- meet the disability or early intervention requirements.

Your eligibility for access to the NDIS will be determined by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

This fact sheet explains the eligibility requirements for the NDIS.

What are the eligibility requirements for the NDIS?

You are eligible for the NDIS if you:

- are under 65 when you make your application.
- are an Australian Citizen or resident or permanent visa holder.
- and meet the disability or early intervention requirements.

If you aged 65 years and over you will not be eligible for the NDIS. In most cases, you will receive support through the Commonwealth aged care system.

For further information, refer to [the NDIS for people aged 65 years and over fact sheet](#).

Who will decide if I can access the NDIS?

The NDIA determines individual eligibility for the NDIS. The NDIA is the national agency responsible for running the NDIS.

Some people including people living in supported accommodation, accessing a community access service such as a day program, accessing a specialist disability case management service or accessing a respite service will go through a simplified eligibility process, based on the supports they currently receive.

Refer to our [What you need to know about the NDIS rollout in NSW fact sheet](#) for further information on when you will be eligible to access the NDIS.

I don't currently receive any disability supports. Can I still be eligible for the NDIS?

If you do not currently receive specialist disability supports from the NSW Government you will have the opportunity to access the scheme when it starts in your local area, if you are in immediate need of assistance, and do not currently have support.

You will need to meet the NDIS eligibility requirements. The NDIA will assist you to determine if you are eligible.

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The NDIA will also ensure that there are Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) supports available within the community. These supports are also available to people who may not be eligible for a funded package.

I am currently receiving disability supports in NSW. What will happen if I don't meet the requirements for the NDIS?

No one will be disadvantaged in the move to the NDIS.

People who had been receiving state funded specialist disability support, but are not eligible for the NDIS, will maintain the same outcomes they received before the NDIS through arrangements including Information Linkage and Capacity building supports.

They will transition to alternative arrangements over time.

How do I find out about the disability and early intervention requirements?

You can find information about the disability and early intervention requirements on the national NDIS website, www.ndis.gov.au

Where can I get help in determining my eligibility for the NDIS?

A guide to the access requirements for the NDIS can be found at www.ndis.gov.au

You can also phone the NDIA directly on 1800 800 110 to ask about eligibility for the NDIS.