

Accessing the NDIS for people with disability receiving Accommodation Support

Easy Read fact sheet

What is Accommodation Support?



This fact sheet is for people with disability who currently receive Accommodation Support.



It explains how and when you can receive support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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The National Disability Insurance Scheme is also called the NDIS.



Accommodation Support provides special accommodation for people with disability.



For example, group homes and large residential centres that provide 24 hour care.



It also supports people to stay in their own home.



For example, someone comes to your home to help you with everyday tasks.

When will you be able to access the NDIS?



You will be able to access the NDIS from 1 July 2016 if you live in these areas:

- Central Coast
- Hunter New England
- Nepean Blue Mountains
- Northern Sydney
- South Western Sydney
- Southern NSW
- Western Sydney



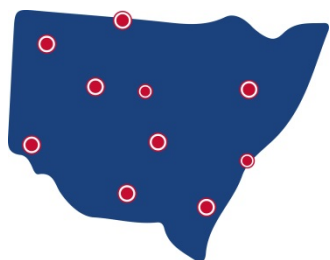
You will be able to access the NDIS from 1 July 2017 if you live in these areas:

- Illawarra Shoalhaven
- Mid North Coast
- Murrumbidgee
- Northern NSW
- South Eastern Sydney
- Sydney
- Western NSW
- Far West



The NDIS will be available everywhere in NSW by July 2018.

How can you start using the NDIS?



You will be able to access the NDIS when it comes to your area.



This could be July 2016 or July 2017, depending on where you live.



You will be contacted before the NDIS comes to your area.



We will talk to you about how to apply for the NDIS.

You will most likely be able to receive supports from the NDIS if you are:



- currently receiving Accommodation Support and



- an Australian citizen or resident, or have a permanent visa and



- under 65 years of age when you apply.



The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is responsible for working out if you can use the NDIS.

The NDIA is the Australian Government agency that manages the NDIS.

How will your disability accommodation be paid for under the NDIS?



The NDIA will help you make a plan.



The plan will work out the type of supports you need.



This may include accommodation.



You can decide who will provide this support.



You will still need to help pay for some things, like you do now.

For example you may need to pay for food and bills.

How much you need to pay will depend on your situation.

Who will provide your supported accommodation under the NDIS?

Under the NDIS, the NSW Government will no longer provide specialist disability supports.

This includes specialist disability accommodation.



Instead, these supports will be provided by other organisations.



You can decide who will provide your accommodation.

What is specialist disability housing?

There are different types of accommodation for people with disability. For example:



- group homes

or



- large residential centres

or



- village-based accommodation.

They are all called specialist disability housing.



The governments around Australia are going to work with the NDIA to come up with new types of accommodation.

This will help decide how accommodation support happens in the future.

Can you change your accommodation arrangements under the NDIS?



Once you have access to the NDIS you will be able to change your accommodation arrangements.



You can work with the NDIA to do this.

Would you like more information?



You can find out your options under the NDIS by phoning the NDIA on 1800 800 110.



You can also get more information on the website www.ndis.gov.au



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