

Accessing the NDIS for people with disability receiving Community Access or Community Support

Easy Read fact sheet

What are Community Access and Community Support?



This fact sheet is for people with disability who currently receive support known as:

- Community Access
- or
- Community 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.

Community Access and Community Care describe many supports that people use. For example:

- therapy supports, like:



- occupational therapy



- physiotherapy



- speech therapy

- intervention services, such as:



- early childhood intervention



- behaviour intervention

- day programs that support:



- learning
- life skills
- getting a job
- doing things you enjoy
- doing things with other people.

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

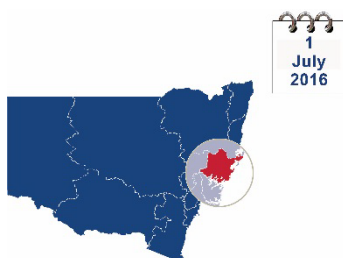


The NDIS will be available everywhere in NSW by July 2018.

People receiving Community Access or Community Support only



Most people in this group will be able to access the NDIS in the first six months that it starts in their area.



For example, the NDIS will be available in the Central Coast area from 1 July 2016.



So if you live in this area, you will most likely access the NDIS between July and December 2016.

People receiving other supports as well



You will be able to access the NDIS when it comes to your area if you receive Accommodation Support, such as:

- living in a group home
- living in a large centre
- home living support.



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

How can you start using the NDIS?



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

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



Applying for the NDIS will be simple.

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



- currently receiving Community Access or Community 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.

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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