

Accessing the NDIS for new participants

Easy Read fact sheet

How can the National Disability Insurance Scheme help you?



This fact sheet is for people with disability who have never received disability funding from the NSW Government. 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.



The NDIS gives people with disability more choice and control over the supports they receive and who will provide that support.



The NDIS also helps people with disability to take part in their community.

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.



You can access the NDIS from when it starts in your area if you:

- do not receive disability funding from the NSW Government now and
- need assistance now and
- are eligible.

How can you access the NDIS?



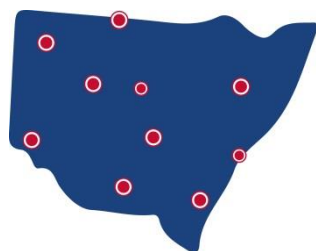
The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is responsible for working out if you can access the NDIS.

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

To find out if you can use the NDIS you will need to:



- complete an Access Request Form and
- send the Access Request Form to the NDIA.



You can do this when the NDIS becomes available in your area.



If you are eligible to receive support from the NDIS, you will meet with a support planner.

They will talk with you about your goals and work out what you need to achieve them.

How can you get ready for the NDIS?

There are two websites that can help you. They have very similar web addresses.



You can find out when the NDIS is available in your area on the NSW NDIS website www.ndis.nsw.gov.au



There is a checklist on the NDIS website to help you find out if you are eligible.

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist.html>



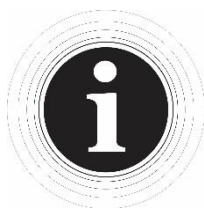
You may also like to visit the My Choice Matters website to think about your goals:

www.mychoicematters.org.au



You can phone the NDIA on 1800 800 110 or you can get more information on the website:

www.ndis.gov.au



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