

# Eligibility requirements for the NDIS

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## Who can access the NDIS in NSW?

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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.



You can use the NDIS if you are:



- under 65 years of age when you apply and



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



- meet the disability or **early intervention** requirements.

Early intervention is the early use of therapy and support to improve people's lives.



You can find out more about the disability and early intervention requirements on the NDIS website

**[www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)**



If you are 65 years old, or older, you will not be able to access the NDIS.

Instead, you will receive support through the Commonwealth aged care system.

## **What happens if you're not eligible for the NDIS?**



You may find out you are not eligible for the NDIS even if you have been receiving specialist disability support.

If this happens you will still be supported.

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building services will be available for you.

## Who will decide if you can access the NDIS?



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

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



It will be easy to apply for the NDIS if you already receive disability supports like:

- supported accommodation or
- day programs or
- case management services or
- respite services.

## Can you use the NDIS if you don't already receive support?



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

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



The NDIA will help you work out if you can use the NDIS.

## Would you like more information?



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

**[www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist.html](http://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist.html)**



The NDIA can also help you work out if you are eligible. You can phone the NDIA on 1800 800 110 or you can get more information on the website **[www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)**



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