



People with disability, families and carers guide:

The rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in NSW

This guide will help you find out when you can access the NDIS.

- It covers three simple steps you can follow to find out when you will likely have access to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- It also includes details of where you can find further information to start preparing for the NDIS.

Step 1. Find out if you may be eligible for the NDIS

- ✔ You are under 65 years of age at the time of application
- ✔ You are an Australian citizen or resident, or permanent visa holder
- ✔ You meet the disability or early intervention requirements

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is the agency responsible for implementing the NDIS and determining your eligibility for access to the NDIS.

No one will be disadvantaged in the move to the NDIS. People who had been receiving specialist disability support, but aren't eligible for the NDIS, will maintain the same outcomes they received before.

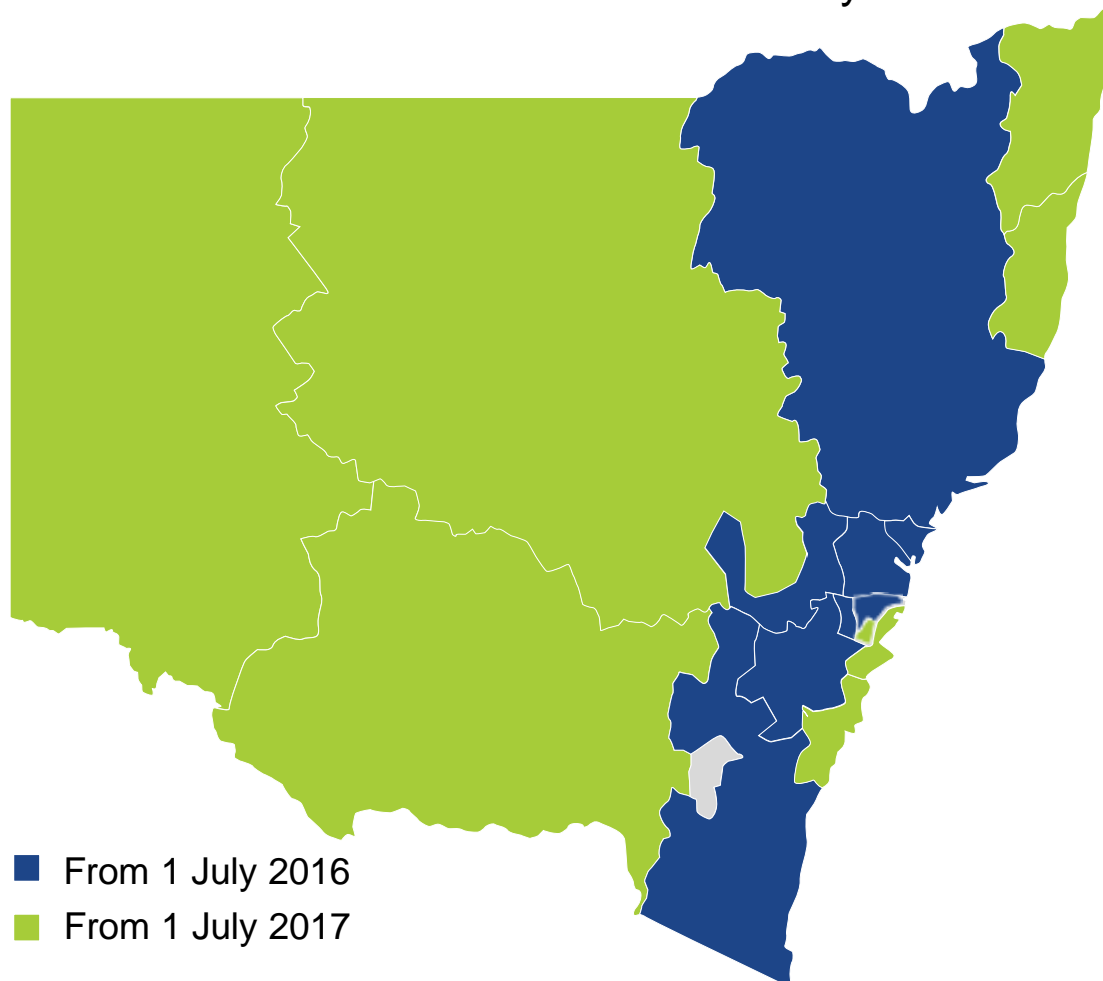
**Am I eligible for the
NDIS?**

To check your eligibility for the NDIS, refer to the NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist

Step 2. Find out when your area will be able to access the NDIS

When you are able to access the NDIS depends on three things: 1) where you live 2) what supports, if any, you currently receive 3) your need for support, if you don't currently receive any.

The map below shows when the NDIS will be available in your area.



From 1 July 2016

You will be able to access the NDIS from 1 July 2016, if you live in the following districts:

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

From 1 July 2017

You will be able to access the NDIS from 1 July 2017, if you live in the following districts:

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

For more information on when the NDIS will be available in your area refer to the fact sheet on the rollout in your local area.

How do I check what area I'm in?

If you aren't sure what area you live in, refer to:

- www.ndis.nsw.gov.au
- The list of LGAs and areas at the back of this guide.

Step 3. What supports do you currently receive?

People who currently receive specialist disability supports through the NSW Government or a service provider funded by the NSW Government will move to the NDIS as it rolls out. How and when people with disability access the NDIS will depend on the type of support they receive now and where they live.

Current supports will continue until a person has moved to the Scheme and their NDIS plan is in place.

- People living in large and small residential centres and group homes and people accessing hostels, attendant care, in-home support or alternative family placement.

People who currently access these supports living in year 1 districts will move to the NDIS first, between 1 July and September 2016.

These people do not need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will be contacted by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) when it is their turn to access the NDIS.

- People who attend day, recreation and life skills programs as well as people who receive support from therapy, early or behaviour intervention programs or use case management services.

Most people who currently access these supports living in year 1 districts are likely to move to the NDIS between 1 July and December 2016.

These people do not need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will be contacted by the NDIA when it is their turn to access the NDIS.

- People accessing centre-based and flexible respite services.

Most people who currently access these supports living in year 1 districts are likely to move to the NDIS from 1 January 2017.

These people do not need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will be contacted by the NDIA when it is their turn to access the NDIS.

How do I check what supports I currently receive?

If you aren't sure what types of supports you currently receive ask your support worker or service provider.

Step 3. What supports do you currently receive? (Cont.)

- People accessing domestic or personal care assistance, personal care, meal services, home modifications and transport services.

People who currently access these supports need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will need to provide evidence of their disability as part of their NDIS access request. Information about providing evidence of disability can be found on the national NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au

If deemed eligible for the NDIS, most of these people living in year 1 areas will move to the NDIS from January 2017.

These people will be contacted throughout the year by the NDIA to apply, so they do not need to contact the NDIA directly.

- People who do not currently receive NSW funded disability support.

These people will have the opportunity to access the Scheme when it starts in their local area, if they are in immediate need of assistance, and do not currently have support.

When will the NDIS rollout be completed?

From 1 July 2018, all eligible people with disability, living in NSW will be able to access the NDIS.

Next steps

- ✔ Confirm when the NDIS will be available in your local area via the NSW NDIS website www.ndis.nsw.gov.au
- ✔ Confirm if you may be eligible via the national NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au
- ✔ Ask your current provider to make sure your information is up to date, ahead of planning discussions with the National Disability Insurance Agency (if you currently receive supports).
- ✔ Visit the My Choice Matters website www.mychoicematters.org.au or speak to a family member or carer for help in working out your goals.
- ✔ If you currently receive disability supports you will be contacted before the rollout in your area.

Families and carers are important partners in the NDIS rollout

We know that families and carers are important partners in the support of people with disability.

The NSW Government is committed to keeping you involved and informed as we roll out the NDIS.

You can use this guide to work with the person you care for to help them prepare for the NDIS.

Checklist for families and carers

- ✔ Confirm that the person you care for may be eligible for the NDIS via the NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au.
- ✔ Use this guide to talk through the rollout of the NDIS with the person you care for.
- ✔ Contact local support services such as My Choice Matters www.mychoicematters.org.au to start preparing.

Visit www.ndis.nsw.gov.au for more information on the rollout

List of Local Government Areas in each district

Central Coast

Gosford
Wyong

Far West

Balranald
Broken Hill
Central Darling
Wentworth
Unincorporated Far West

Hunter New England

Armidale Dumaresq
Cessnock
Dungog
Glen Innes Severn
Gloucester
Great Lakes
Greater Taree
Gunnedah
Guyra
Gwydir
Inverell
Lake Macquarie
Liverpool Plains
Maitland
Moree Plains
Muswellbrook
Narrabri
Newcastle
Port Stephens
Singleton
Tamworth Regional
Tenterfield
Upper Hunter Shire
Uralla
Walcha

Illawarra Shoalhaven

Kiama
Shellharbour
Shoalhaven
Wollongong

Mid North Coast

Bellingen
Coffs Harbour
Kempsey
Nambucca
Port Macquarie-Hastings

Murrumbidgee

Albury
Berrigan
Bland
Boorowa
Carrathool
Conargo
Coolamon
Cootamundra
Corowa Shire
Deniliquin
Greater Hume Shire
Griffith
Gundagai
Harden
Hay
Jerilderie
Junee
Leeton
Lockhart
Murray
Murrumbidgee
Narrandera
Temora
Tumbarumba
Tumut Shire
Urana
Wagga Wagga
Wakool
Young

Nepean Blue Mountains

Blue Mountains
Hawkesbury
Lithgow
Penrith

Northern NSW

Ballina
Byron
Clarence Valley
Kyogle
Lismore
Richmond Valley
Tweed

Northern Sydney

Hornsby
Hunters Hill
Ku-ring-gai
Lane Cove
Manly
Mosman
North Sydney
Pittwater
Ryde
Warringah
Willoughby

South Eastern Sydney

Botany Bay
Hurstville
Kogarah
Randwick
Rockdale
Sutherland Shire
City of Sydney (Inner & East)
Waverley
Woollahra

South Western Sydney

Bankstown
Camden
Campbelltown
Fairfield
Liverpool
Wingecarribee
Wollondilly

Southern NSW

Bega Valley
Bombala
Cooma-Monaro
Eurobodalla
Goulburn Mulwaree
Palerang
Queanbeyan
Snowy River
Upper Lachlan Shire
Yass Valley

Sydney

Ashfield
Burwood
Canada Bay
Canterbury
Leichhardt
Marrickville
Strathfield
City of Sydney (South & West)

Western NSW

Bathurst Regional
Blayney
Bogan
Bourke
Brewarrina
Cabonne
Cobar
Coonamble
Cowra
Dubbo
Forbes
Gilgandra
Lachlan
Mid-Western Regional
Narromine
Oberon
Orange
Parkes
Walgett
Warren
Warrumbungle Shire
Weddin
Wellington

Western Sydney

Auburn
Blacktown
Holroyd
Parramatta
The Hills Shire