

People with disability moving into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in NSW

Fact sheet for service providers

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This fact sheet will help service providers understand how people with disability in NSW will move into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

To support the smooth transition of people with disability accessing the NDIS in [year 1 rollout areas](#) across NSW, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) is writing to people with disability who are currently accessing specialist disability supports through the NSW Government to inform them of how and when they will access the NDIS.

People with disability accessing accommodation and community high supports

People with disability who receive these supports are moving into the Scheme first, from 1 July 2016.

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

ADHC wrote to these people in April 2016 to let them know how and when they will access the NDIS.

People with disability receiving community access and respite supports

This group is moving into the NDIS between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017.

This group includes people who currently attend day, recreation and life skills programs as well as people who received support from therapy, early or behaviour intervention programs or use case management services. This group also includes people who currently access centre-based and flexible respite services.

People accessing community care programs

This group is moving into the NDIS between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017.

This group includes people who access supports such as personal care assistance, personal care, meal services, home modifications and transport services.

People who currently access these supports 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.

New NDIS participants

People who do not currently receive NSW funded disability supports 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.

Visit www.ndis.nsw.gov.au for more information about the rollout of the NDIS in NSW



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What is the pathway from now until a participant accesses the NDIS?

1. People will receive a letter from the NSW Government which outlines how they will move to the NDIS.
2. An NDIS representative will contact the person, their family or carer – over the phone or by letter – to confirm or assess their eligibility for the Scheme.
3. An NDIS representative will invite the person, their family or carer to a participant readiness session to learn more about the Scheme.
4. The First Plan process begins. This will include talking, understanding and learning about the person's life and the supports they currently receive. Once finalised, an NDIS representative submits it for approval.
5. Once the plan is approved the person will be contacted about how they can implement it.

More detailed information is available in the [My NDIS Pathway booklet](#).

Why is it called a 'First Plan'?

A First Plan is the start of a lifelong relationship with the NDIS and will give people the support they need now. It will also give them time to think about how the supports they currently receive are working for them and what else they might need to achieve their longer-term goals before their scheduled plan review in 12 months. If their circumstances change, they can talk to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) about potentially changing their plan.

To get ready for the NDIS, people can start thinking about their immediate support needs and what their current and future goals might be.

What can providers do to help?

- Become familiar with this information so you can help the people you support to move to the NDIS.
- Keep information about the people you support up to date.
- Ensure the people you support know they will be contacted by both NSW and the NDIA soon, if they haven't already been contacted.
- Reassure the people you support that they will continue to receive the supports they need until they move to the NDIS.
- Print and share the [participant pathway illustration](#) which shows the journey to the NDIS for people currently accessing NSW funded specialist disability supports.
- Print, share and direct people to the other available resources on the NDIS NSW website www.ndis.nsw.gov.au

More information about the NDIS including eligibility and access requirements can be found on the national NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au or by calling them on 1800 800 110.