

The National Disability Insurance Scheme – also called the NDIS - is an Australia-wide scheme to support people with permanent and significant disability.

### **Who is eligible for the NDIS in NSW?**

If the National Disability Insurance Scheme is available in your area, the first step you need to take is to find out if you meet the [access requirements](#), which are available on the national NDIS website.

### **You are eligible for the NDIS if you:**

- are under 65 when you make your application
- are an Australian Citizen or resident or permanent visa holder
- meet the disability or early intervention requirements

If are aged 65 years and over you will not be eligible for the NDIS. In most cases, you will receive support through the Commonwealth Aged Care System.

People currently receiving specialist disability supports in NSW who meet the age and disability eligibility requirements for the NDIS will be able to access the NDIS in NSW, regardless of their residency or visa status.

With so many people coming into the scheme in such a short time it is important that there is a planned approach to how they access the NDIS.

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.

### **When does the NDIS roll out in NSW?**

People living in these areas can access the NDIS now:

[Hunter New England](#), [Southern New South Wales](#), [Central Coast](#), [Northern Sydney](#), [South Western Sydney](#), [Western Sydney](#) and [Nepean Blue Mountains](#)

People living in these areas can access the NDIS from 1 July 2017:

[Northern New South Wales](#), [Mid North Coast](#), [Sydney](#), [South Eastern Sydney](#), [Illawarra Shoalhaven](#), [Murrumbidgee](#), [Western New South Wales](#) and [Far West](#) NSW

People with disability, their families and carers will be supported throughout the transition to the NDIS.

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For more information about how and when people with disability will be supported, visit the NSW NDIS website [www.ndis.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ndis.nsw.gov.au) for a range of resources in your language.

For more information about eligibility or to apply to the NDIS, please visit the national NDIS website [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)