



## National Disability Insurance

### Scheme (NDIS)

### Easy English Version

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## What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is also called the NDIS.



The NDIS is the new way of **funding** disability support.

The NDIS means you will receive your funding in a different way.



Your funding will be paid to you instead of **service providers** like Yooralla.



You will be able to choose which service provider you would like to use.

Your family and carers can help you choose if you want them to.

## What is the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)?

The National Disability Insurance Agency  
is also called the NDIA.



The NDIA has the job of making the NDIS  
work properly.



The NDIA can tell you

- how the NDIS will work
- and**
- what help you can get.



## What does the NDIS fund?



With the NDIS, you can get funding for

- what you need every day

**and**

- your goals.



Your goals are things that are important to you.



Your goals may be about

- where you live
- what you like to do
- where you want to go
- where you want to work

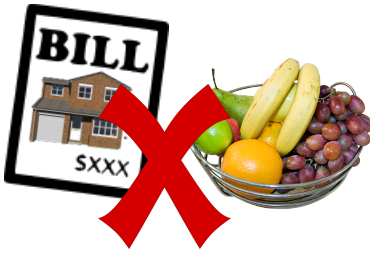


**or**

- what you would like to learn.



The NDIS only funds support linked to your disability.



The NDIS does not fund  
daily costs like

- rent or board
- food
- or**
- phone bills.

To get funding, you must create a plan.



## What is an NDIS plan?

Everyone who accesses the NDIS will have to  
make a plan.



You will make your plan with a person chosen by  
the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

This person may be called a planner or a **Local  
Area Coordinator**.



Your person you plan with will

- talk to you about
  - what you want

**and**

  - what you need.



- help you to
  - set your goals

**and**

  - choose the support that will go in your plan.



- support you to work together with your family and carers.
- tell you about services available in the community.



- support you to develop a **service agreement** with your service provider.



Your plan will include

- the support you need
- your goals

**and**

- how much money you have to spend on these things.



Once your plan is finished, you can choose

- Who will provide your support

This will be who you pay for services.



- When you will get your support

For example during the day or at night.



- Who will manage your funds.

This could be you, a family member or someone you ask to do this for you.

## How can I get ready to plan?



Before you meet with a planner you should think about

- what you get now
- what you want to do
- how these things will be put into your plan
- who you would like to



- help you prepare your plan

**and**

- go to the meeting with you.

You might choose a family member

or **advocate** or group of people to help you.

Your plan should include the help you will need



- now
- in the future
- to do more things for yourself
- to get a job if you would like one
- to do more things in the community
- to learn new things if you would like to.





You can talk about this with your

- family
  - friends
  - advocates
- and**
- Yooralla and other organisations you get services from.

## Who can get the NDIS?

You have to be **eligible** to use the NDIS.



To get the NDIS you must

- live where the NDIS is available
  - have a disability that means you need support for your lifetime
- and**
- need some help to do the things you want to do
  - be an **Australian citizen**, or the law says you can stay in Australia
- and**
- be under 65 years old.





To find out if you can get the NDIS you can also contact the NDIA.



**Phone** 1800 800 110

### When will the NDIS come to my area?

You cannot plan with the NDIS everywhere in Australia yet.



It will take some time for the NDIS to be everywhere in Australia.

Your funding will stay the same until your plan is approved with the NDIS.



In Victoria, the NDIS will be available by **council area**.



It will take three years until every area in Victoria has the NDIS.



Your support will transfer to the  
NDIS in these areas at times below.

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choosequality

These times were agreed by the government.

### **1 July 2016**

Yarra, Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik and  
Whittlesea

### **1 January 2017**

Central Highlands, Ararat, Ballarat, Golden  
Plains, Hepburn, Moorabool, Pyrenees

### **1 May 2017**

Loddon Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Greater  
Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mount  
Alexander

### **1 October 2017**

Ovens Murray, Alpine, Benalla, Indigo, Mansfield,  
Towong, Wangaratta, Wodonga

**1 October 2017**

Inner Gippsland, Bass Coast,  
Baw Baw, Latrobe, South Gippsland

**1 October 2017**

Western district, Corangamite, Glenelg,  
Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moyne, Northern  
Grampians, Southern Grampians, Warrnambool,  
West Wimmera, Yarriambiack

**1 November 2017**

Boroondara, Manningham, Monash, Whitehorse

**1 November 2017**

Knox, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges

**1 March 2018**

Hume Moreland

**1 April 2018**

Bayside, Frankston, Glen Eira, Kingston,  
Mornington Peninsula, Port Phillip, Stonnington

**1 September 2018**

Cardinia, Casey, Greater Dandenong

**1 October 2018**

Brimbank Melton

**1 October 2018**

Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Moonee  
Valley, Wyndham

**1 July 2019**

Mallee, Buloke, Gannawarra, Mildura, Swan Hill

**1 July 2019**

Goulburn, Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Moira,  
Murrindindi, Strathbogie

**1 July 2019**

Outer Gippsland, East Gippsland, Wellington



## Who can I ask questions about the NDIS?

You can ask Yooralla or the NDIA about what is available for you to prepare.



### Yooralla

Phone 1800 966 725



Internet [www.yooralla.com.au](http://www.yooralla.com.au)



### NDIA

Phone 1800 800 110



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

## Words in this sheet

### **Funding**

Money you get from the government to help you with the things you need and want to do.

### **Service provider**

A company or business who has staff that can help you with things you need, like support around the house or to get around your local area.

Yooralla is a service provider.

### **Local Area Coordinator**

A Local Area Coordinator is someone chosen by the NDIS to work with you to create your plan and connect you to the community.

## **Service agreement**

A document that says

- the service you want  
eg. help at home
  - when you will receive your  
service  
eg. every morning
  - Where you will receive  
your service will happen  
eg. at home or in the  
community
  - the cost of the service
- and**
- any other rules about  
using the service.

## **Advocate**

People who tell

other people about

- what you need
  - problems you have
- and**
- your rights.





**Australian citizen**

Someone who is

- born in Australia
  - moved to Australia and has paperwork to say they are Australian
- or**
- has special paperwork to say that they can live in Australia.

**Eligible**

Having the right to do or receive something.

**Council area**

The local area where you live is looked after by your local council. Your council area may include many suburbs and towns.

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