

FACT SHEET

National Disability Insurance Scheme

What is the NDIS?

NDIS is an Australian Government reform that aims to provide individualised and quality support for people with disability. The NDIS will enable people with disability to live life their way, achieve their goals and participate in the life of their community.

What is the NDIA?

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is an independent statutory agency responsible for implementing the NDIS and providing information and referral to people with disability, their families and carers, as well as mainstream providers and community services. The priority of the NDIA is to ensure people with disability continue to get the support they need.

Why the need for the NDIS?

People with disability have said they want a system of support focused on people, not programs or services. The NDIS replaces 'one size fits all' government programs that must ration services, with a system that guarantees an entitlement to lifelong support for everyone who qualifies. More funds will be available to ensure that people with disability can access the reasonable and necessary supports they need.

What the NDIS means for people with disability

Under the NDIS, people with disability will make the decisions about their supports, including who will provide them. Funding for disability supports is allocated to each eligible individual, not to a service provider. People with disability can choose whether to manage their own funds or entrust them to one or more providers or leave the funds to be managed by the NDIA. The National Disability Insurance Agency, together with Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), will work with people with disability and with their service provider to ensure they continue to get their current supports during the transition.

Who can access the NDIS?

You can access the NDIS and choose your funding structure provided you meet the eligibility requirements as set out by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

The NDIA has developed the NDIS Access Checklist tool to help you find out whether you will be able to access funding from the NDIS. Visit www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist to find out whether you are eligible.

When will the NDIS be available for me?

The NDIS is already operating in trial sites across the country and is rolling out in the Nepean Blue Mountains area. It is scheduled to progressively roll out across NSW from July 1 2016 with all eligible residents expected to be covered by June 2019. For more information about when the NDIS will be available in your area please visit www.ndis.gov.au

The website www.ndis.gov.au is the best place to look for information