

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

NDIS



There are around 4.3 million Australians who have a disability. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) can provide people with disabilities with information and contact details to services in their communities such as doctors, sporting clubs, support groups, libraries, and schools. NDIS also provides information about what support is provided.

What is NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme provides Australians under 65, who have a permanent and significant disability, with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life.

Support provided vary from person to person. Your Disability Liaison Officer or NDIS Local Area Coordinator can provide you with more information on support available to you. You can find your local NDIS offices and contacts in your area with below link: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/contact/locations>

What services are funded by NDIS?

The NDIS provides funding to eligible people based on their individual needs. NDIS may fund reasonable and necessary support and equipment that are necessary for the person to go ab their daily personal activities such as communication, transportation, therapeutic support, home modification and mobility support.

You can find more information about NDIS reasonable and necessary supports via below link: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/supports-funded-ndis/reasonable-and-necessary-supports>

Who is eligible for NDIS?

The NDIS is available to:

- Australian citizens
- Holders of a permanent visa
- Holders of a Protected Special Category Visa.

If you are under 65 and have a cancer or terminal illness diagnosis, you may be eligible.

Eligibility depends on whether you have a permanent and significant disability caused by your illness. Examples of such disabilities include progressive motor neuron disease or suffering a permanent and significant disability as a result of your cancer treatment.

How can you access the NDIS?

To join the NDIS, you need to meet access requirements. You can read more about access criteria on the NDIS website: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding>

To find out if you are eligible for NDIS you will need to complete two forms. The forms are Access Request form and Supporting Evidence form. They can be downloaded from the NDIS website as follows:

1. Access Request form: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/how-apply-ndis/what-access-request-form#access-request-form>

2. Supporting Evidence form:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/how-apply-ndis/what-access-request-form#supporting-evidence-form>

You will need to work with your GP, allied health team, and/or specialist medical professionals to prepare the information required for the forms.

What if you are not eligible for NDIS?

The NDIS also provides people with a disability, including those not eligible for funding, with information and connections to services in their communities. This includes linking to doctors, sporting clubs, support groups, libraries and schools, as well as providing information about what support is provided by each state and territory government. You can read more on below link:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/what-you-can-do-if-youre-not-eligible-ndis>

Apart from the NDIS, there are a number of supports and services provided by government and the community sector for people with disabilities across Australia.

Where can you find more information?

The following websites are provided for you if you seek more and/or specific information in relation to NDIS:

NDIS official website:

- www.ndis.gov.au
- www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply/receiving-your-access-decision/support-people-who-are-not-eligible

Summer Foundation, 'Getting the Language Right'. A guide for Health Practitioners to writing for the NDIS:

- www.summerfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/getting-the-language-right-web.pdf

First Peoples Disability Australia:

- <https://fpdn.org.au/>

National Ethnic Disability Alliance:

- <http://www.neda.org.au/>

Disability Employment Service:

- <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/programmes-services/disability-employment-services>

Disability Housing:

- <https://www.disabilityhousing.com.au/>

Southern Metro Palliative Care Consortium:

- <https://smrpcc.org.au/>



Contact us

If you have any questions about NDIS, please contact our Peter Mac Disability Liaison Officer via email on:

disabilityliaison@petermac.org

or

Social Work Department on:
03 8559 5267

In the event of an emergency, please dial **000** for an ambulance or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.