



# WHAT IS THE NDIS AND IS IT FOR ME?

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The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new system for the Australian Government to provide support and funding for people with a disability.

## What support can the NDIS provide?

If you have a disability, the NDIS might be able to fund supports such as:

- Daily personal activities - e.g. assistance with personal care
- Home and vehicle modification - e.g. installation of ramps, rails, hoists
- Assistive technologies - e.g. electric wheelchair, DAISY player for audio books
- Transport and mobility support - e.g. contribution to the cost of taxi transport
- Therapeutic support - e.g. allied health assessments
- Community activities - e.g. support to access social groups, sports clubs or study

## How is the NDIS different from the previous disability support system?

The NDIS provides:

- Access to individualised equipment and support - this means that you receive the funding instead of service providers.
- Person centred planning and goal identification - you get to think about what you'd like to achieve in the short and long-term, and you end up with a support plan that is individual to you.
- Choice and control

You choose which service provider you'd like to use for your supports.

## Who is eligible for the NDIS?

You may be eligible for the NDIS if you:

- Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Are under 65 years old (when you submit your application to the NDIS)
- Have a permanent disability that makes it difficult for you to go about usual daily tasks and activities
- Live in an NDIS region at home, in residential aged care or elsewhere in the community

To find out more about NDIS eligibility, go to:

🌐 [ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist](https://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist)

## How do I apply for the NDIS?

You will need to submit an application form. Once you have checked that you are eligible, you can phone the NDIS on 1800 800 110 to ask for a copy of the Access Request Form.

## What will happen if I'm already receiving disability support services?

If you are already receiving state or Commonwealth funded disability services, you will continue to receive your usual support until it is time for you to move to the NDIS. You should be contacted by the NDIS with a phone call and/or a letter when the NDIS is ready to be put into place in your area. If you are worried that you haven't heard from the NDIS, contact them on 1800 800 110.

For more information about the NDIS, go to:

🌐 [ndis.gov.au/ndis-ready.html#what](https://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-ready.html#what)



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