



Provider Choice



Frequently Asked Questions

Joining the NDIS: Who is eligible anyway?

QUICK GUIDE

“
Am I eligible for
NDIS funding?
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The NDIS will support half a million Australians. You may be one of them.

The new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a huge win for people with disability in Australia.

It's a world-first reform. And when it's fully rolled out across our continent, it will provide **tailored funding packages** to around 500,000 Australians.

If you (or a family member) are accepted into scheme, you will get more choice and control over your life than any Australian with a disability in the past. **However, you need to meet certain criteria to be eligible for NDIS support.**

Our team has compiled the most important answers for those who are wondering if they can join or not.

1. Who can get NDIS funding?

You can apply to be accepted into the NDIS when you

- have a **permanent** and **significant disability**;
- are **under 65 years** old;
- **live** in Australia;
- are an **Australian citizen** or **permanent resident**.

Find more details on the NDIS website [here](#).

2. What is a ‘permanent and significant disability’?

To be accepted into the NDIS, you must show that you have a lifelong disability which substantially affects your everyday activities.

A **permanent disability** is a disability that you will likely have **for the rest of your life**.

A **significant disability** is one that **significantly reduces one or all of your abilities to**

- communicate,
- interact with other people,
- learn,
- move around, and/or
- look after yourself.

3. How do I know if my disability fits this definition?

The NDIS publishes **two lists** with typical disabilities. You can check these to get a better idea if your condition might qualify for funding.

List A

These are disabilities that will likely meet NDIS requirements. They include:

- **Intellectual disability** diagnosed and assessed as moderate, severe or profound;
- **Autism** having severity of Level 2 (requiring substantial support) or Level 3 (requiring very substantial support);
- **Cerebral palsy** diagnosed and assessed as severe (for example, Level 3, 4 or 5 on the Gross Motor Function Classification System);

List A (continued)

- **Spinal cord injury or brain injury** resulting in paraplegia, quadriplegia or tetraplegia, or hemiplegia;
- **Neurological conditions (substantial);**
- **Substantial vision and substantial hearing impairment;**
- **Amputation** or loss of limbs;
- **Genetic conditions** that consistently result in permanent and severe intellectual and physical impairments: Angelman syndrome, some spinal muscular atrophies;
- **Psychosocial disabilities** such as schizophrenia.

List B

These are permanent conditions for which the NDIS requires further assessment because the way they impact your everyday abilities will vary. They include:

- **Intellectual and learning impairments** such as developmental delays, and atypical autism
- **Neurological conditions** such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and Huntington's disease, multiple sclerosis
- **Conditions involving physical impairments** such as amputations, rheumatoid arthritis, cerebral palsy
- **Conditions resulting in sensory or speech impairment** such as Behr's syndrome and Kearns-Sayre syndrome
- **Congenital conditions** such as fetal alcohol syndrome, and spinal bifida

4. So, not every Australian with a disability is covered?

No. The scheme is reserved for Australians with disability who are most in need support to live a quality life and achieve their goals.

It is expected that 460,000 people will eventually have access to the scheme, even though there are more than 2 million people in Australia who are living with a disability.

Questions? Get answers from our NDIS experts.



Once you're in the NDIS, you can get a Plan Manager to help you manage your disability funding. It's cost-free for all NDIS participants.



To learn more about plan management or to sign up within 24 hours, get in touch today.

Who is Provider Choice?

We are NDIS experts. We provide plan management services and easy-to-use technology for all NDIS participants.

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