

Fact Sheet

Accessing the NDIS for new participants



Key points:

- This fact sheet is for people with disability who have not previously accessed any NSW funded disability supports. It provides information on how and when they can access the NDIS
- You will have your eligibility for the NDIS determined by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

How can the NDIS help me?

The NDIS gives you choice and control over the supports you need to live life your way and realise your goals and aspirations. It will also give you choice and control about who you receive that support from. It provides access to supports, information and provides the opportunity for people to get involved in their community.

When will I be able to access the NDIS?

When you can access the NDIS depends on where you live. People living in the following districts can apply for access to the NDIS now:

- [Central Coast](#)
- [Hunter New England](#)
- [Nepean Blue Mountains](#)
- [Northern Sydney](#)
- [South Western Sydney](#)
- [Southern NSW](#)
- [Western Sydney](#)

People who currently receive NSW funded disability supports living in these areas will move into the NDIS in a phased way between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018.

- [Illawarra Shoalhaven](#)
- [Mid North Coast](#)
- [Murrumbidgee](#)
- [Northern NSW](#)



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- [South Eastern Sydney](#)
- [Sydney](#)
- [Western NSW](#)
- [Far West](#)

If you do not currently receive specialist disability supports from the NSW Government you will have the opportunity to access the scheme when it starts in your local area, if you are in immediate need of assistance, and do not currently have support.

How can I access the NDIS?

To access the NDIS you will need to meet the NDIS requirements, which are set by the NDIA. This will involve you completing an Access Request when the NDIS is available in your area and submitting it to the NDIA.

If you are found eligible for access to the NDIS you will need to arrange to meet with a support planner. The planner will work with you and discuss your goals and aspirations and the supports required to achieve them.

How can I prepare for the NDIS?

There are four easy next steps for people with disability who may be eligible for the NDIS:

1. Confirm when the NDIS will be available in your local area via the NSW NDIS website www.ndis.nsw.gov.au
2. Confirm if you may be eligible via the national NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au
3. Visit the My Choice Matters website www.mychoicematters.org.au or speak to a family member or carer for help in working out your goals.
4. Closer to when the NDIS is rolled out in your local area, contact the NDIA, www.ndis.gov.au or phone them on 1800 800 110. There is also a list of customer service locations available on the website <https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/locations.html#nsw>