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How and when will I access the NDIS in NSW?



Key points:

- People who currently receive NSW government funded specialist disability supports will move to the NDIS as it rolls out.
- Current supports will continue until a person has moved to the Scheme and their NDIS plan is in place.
- People who do not currently receive NSW funded disability support will have the opportunity to access the scheme when it starts in their local area, if they are in immediate need of assistance, and do not currently have support.

How and when people with disability access the NDIS will depend on the type of support they receive now and where they live

The NDIS is rolling out now across NSW and will be fully rolled out by 30 June 2018.

People living in [Hunter New England](#), [Southern New South Wales](#), [Central Coast](#), [Northern Sydney](#), [South Western Sydney](#), [Western Sydney](#) and [Nepean Blue Mountains](#) are able to access the NDIS now.

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:

[Northern New South Wales](#), [Mid North Coast](#), [Sydney](#), [South Eastern Sydney](#), [Illawarra Shoalhaven](#), [Murrumbidgee](#), [Western New South Wales](#) and [Far West](#) NSW.



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People living in large and small residential centres and groups homes and people accessing hostels, attendant care, in-home support or alternative family placement

These people do not need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will be contacted by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) when it is their turn to access the NDIS. People who access these supports will move to the NDIS first.

How will disability accommodation be funded under the NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Agency will support you to develop a plan and identify reasonable and necessary supports you need, including your accommodation supports. For some people, this will include funding for integrated accommodation and supports.

You can decide which provider you would like to use to provide these supports.

You will be required to make a contribution towards your accommodation costs, as is currently the case. For example, your contribution may cover the cost of food and utilities. How much you will need to contribute will depend on your individual circumstances.

Who will provide my supported accommodation under NDIS?

Under the NDIS, the New South Wales Government will no longer provide any specialist disability supports, including specialist disability accommodation.

These supports will be operated by the non-government sector, which already provides a majority of specialist disability accommodation. You will have the flexibility to choose who provides your accommodation. Some of the new providers have been announced with more shortly to be announced, [you can read more here.](#)



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What is specialist disability housing?

The term specialist disability housing refers to a number of different accommodation types which have been developed to meet the particular needs of people with disability. Specialist disability housing includes group homes, large residential centres and clusters of village-based accommodation.

Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments have agreed to work with the NDIA to develop and test new accommodation options. This work will inform how accommodation support is provided in the NDIS in the future.

Am I able to change my accommodation arrangements under the NDIS?

If you are an NDIS participant, you can work with the NDIA if you want to change your accommodation arrangements.

People who attend day, recreation and life skills programs as well as people who received support from therapy, early or behaviour intervention programs or use case management services

These people do not need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will be contacted by the NDIA when it is their turn to access the NDIS.

Most people who currently access these supports are likely to move to the NDIS between July and December in their rollout year.

People accessing centre based and flexible respite services

These people do not need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will be contacted by the NDIA when it is their turn to access the NDIS.

Most people who currently access these supports are likely to move to the NDIS from January.

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People accessing personal care assistance, personal care, meal services, home modifications and transport services

People who currently access these supports need to apply for access to the NDIS. They will need to provide evidence of their disability as part of their NDIS access request. Information about providing evidence of disability can be found on the national NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au.

These people will be contacted throughout the year by the NDIA to apply, so they do not need to contact the NDIA directly. If deemed eligible for the NDIS, most of these people living in year 1 areas will move to the NDIS from July 2016.

How can I find out more about the NDIS?

You can find out more about the rollout of the NDIS in NSW at www.ndis.nsw.gov.au or by visiting the national NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au. You can also call the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

