



# New Framework Planning Rules

Consultation paper – August 2026

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# Have your say

## Why we want to hear from you

The Australian Parliament made changes to the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) in 2024 to enable the start of a new way of making NDIS plans. This is called [new framework planning](#). To make this happen, some existing NDIS rules will be updated, and new NDIS rules will be made. We want your feedback on how we talk about these rules before final decisions are made. The consultation questions in this paper are areas where feedback can make a difference now.

## What has happened so far?

There will be [eight new NDIS rules](#) to enable new framework planning. The Department began [consultation with the disability sector](#) about this in November and December 2025. Four rules were drafted and were subject to [public consultation between January and March 2026](#). These rules are: Notice of Impairment, Notice to have a New Framework Plan, New Framework Spending, and Stated Supports. We published a report on [what we heard](#) at this consultation.

## What is this consultation about?

The remaining four new NDIS rules are the focus of this public consultation.

These rules are about:

- how a participant's disability support needs will be assessed
- how reasonable and necessary budgets will be developed
- how a participant can use their plan
- how a new framework plan can be changed

At the same time, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is [working with participants](#) to explore detailed design questions and understand how the approach may work in practice. This testing is to help ensure participants with similar support needs receive similar budget outcomes and that budgets reflect participants' disability support needs.

## How to get involved

Your feedback will ensure the new rules improve the experience of participants and help participants get the most out of their NDIS plans to live the life they choose. You can get involved by:

- making a submission
- submitting a video (including in Auslan)
- responding by email
- requesting a phone call to share your views.

## How to use this consultation paper

There are 5 areas of information in this paper that we are asking questions about:

### Support needs assessment rules

- What parts of the support needs assessment process need more explanation?
- What questions and feedback do you have about the draft support needs assessment report template?
- In what circumstances do you think a replacement assessment should be arranged? Are there additional circumstances that should be considered?

### Budget method rules

- Further information and details about the budget method calculations will be provided later in 2026 after more testing is done. What information would help participants understand how a budget is calculated?
- What questions and feedback do you have about the draft participant plan template?

### Plan variation and reassessment rules

- What feedback and questions do you have about plan variations and reassessments?

### NDIS supports rules

- What feedback do you have about changes to NDIS supports for old and new framework planning?
- What impacts do you think will be experienced as a result of removing replacement supports? What items or services will no longer be available?

### General Questions

From the information provided in this consultation paper:

- What information was most useful?
- What questions do you still have?
- What would help people with disability better understand the NDIS new framework planning rules?
- What communication formats would make the information more accessible?
- What should we focus on in future communication products?

A [list of all the consultation questions](#) for you to consider is at the bottom of this paper. Questions by topic are also listed at the end of each section of the paper. You can give us feedback on as many questions as you would like. This paper also has instructions on [how to submit your feedback](#). There is also a [glossary](#) and attachments at the bottom of this paper for people wanting more information.

## What happens next?

The exposure drafts of all eight rules will be available for information and further consultation later this year. Exposure drafts are draft versions of the new NDIS rules. They will show the proposed wording before the rules are finalised and demonstrate how feedback has informed these rules.

# Consultation information

Detailed information about [new framework planning](#) is published on the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Department) website and explains how the rules are linked to each step of the new planning process as well as what each rule is expected to cover.

The Department, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), state and territory governments, and members of the disability community have been working together to design New Framework Planning.

Participants aged 18 years and over will begin gradually moving from old framework planning (the current way of making NDIS plans) to new framework planning from April 2027. The transition is expected to be completed by December 2030 for all participants.

## New framework planning

New framework planning will introduce a new strength based, person centred support needs assessment as recommended by the 2023 Independent Review of the NDIS. It will deliver a more consistent, equitable and transparent approach to determining participant budgets.

A key objective of new framework planning is to move towards allocating budgets that are person centred rather than deciding funding based on the costs of individual supports. This approach is intended to improve the NDIS experience for participants by providing greater flexibility and enabling participants to exercise more choice and control over how they use their funding to meet their goals and needs.

New framework planning will introduce a standardised assessment process (called a support needs assessment) using a structured, reliable and independently validated methodology delivered by trained and accredited assessors. This will support more consistent assessments of need while ensuring appropriate consideration is given to individual participant risks, safeguarding requirements and circumstances.

## New framework planning rules

The [Table of new framework planning rules](#) provides a description of the eight new framework planning NDIS rules.

These rules will work side by side to make up new framework planning. The rules will be regularly reviewed and can be amended as we learn when implementing new framework planning and to help transition future participants.

## What are we doing now?

The new framework planning rules are still being developed by the Department, the NDIA, state and territory governments in consultation with the disability community. The NDIA continues to test new framework planning processes, systems, rules and the participant experience before rollout begins. The information in this paper may change as we receive feedback, continue refining the policy, and learn from NDIA testing.

## New framework planning experience

This picture shows the steps in new framework planning. These steps are explained in more detail below in this paper.



## Support needs assessment rules

A support needs assessment is a guided conversation between a NDIS participant and a trained, accredited NDIA assessor. It will help the NDIA understand what disability supports a participant needs. The information collected helps the NDIA decide what supports and funding to include in a new NDIS plan.

More information about assessment of participant support needs can be found under the NDIS Act on the [Commonwealth Consolidated Acts website](#).

### What makes up the support needs assessment?

The new NDIS rules will describe the four parts of the support needs assessment:

#### 1. Core needs assessment

- Assesses core disability support needs.
- Assesses areas of a person's life using 12 domains areas. For example - self-care, mobility, communication, general tasks and demands. A list of the domains and their sub-domains is at [Attachment 1](#).
- Records the frequency and level of support needed.
- Is based on a modified version of the [Instrument for the Classification and Assessment of Support Needs](#) (I-CAN) version 6.

#### 2. Personal and environmental circumstances questionnaire (PECQ)

- Collects additional information about a participant that may not be recorded in the core needs assessment. For example - living arrangements, informal supports, education and employment and current assistive technology.
- Will be used to identify individual circumstances that may impact a participant's budget

#### 3. Targeted assessments

- Will be used where a more detailed assessment of a participant's needs is required. Not all participants will need a targeted assessment; some may need one or more assessments.
- There are four targeted assessment groups and a total of 23 individual targeted assessments a NDIA assessor could complete. These are listed in [Attachment 2](#).
  - Group 1: Disability related health supports (8 assessments)
  - Group 2: Assistive technology and home modifications (12 assessments)

- Group 3: Some environment supports (2 assessments)
- Group 4: Behaviour supports (1 assessment)
- For most targeted assessments, the NDIA assessor will need to check if the participant has relevant reports from a medical or allied health professional, to decide whether a targeted assessment is needed.
- The rules will set out the minimum information required for a targeted assessment, and the NDIA will provide forms for health professionals to provide any required evidence.
- For each targeted assessment, there are three components to support the process:
  - Minimum requirements table – sets out the types of reports or other information that is needed to complete a targeted assessment.
  - Questionnaire – set of questions and response options to be completed by the NDIA assessor using the information provided by the participant.
  - Manual – guidance for the NDIA assessor to complete each question using the information provided by the participant.

#### 4. *Assessed categories of NDIS supports*

- These are the rules for how information gathered from the core needs assessment, PECQ and targeted assessments is translated into the types of NDIS supports the participant has been assessed as needing. These are used to help calculate the participant's funding.

### The support needs assessment experience

A participant will meet with a NDIA assessor to talk about:

- Their day-to-day life
- The support they need
- What is important to them

Participants can have a support person with them during the assessment, such as a family member, nominee or advocate.

At the end of the discussion, the assessor will go over the information with the participant to make sure it is correct. They will then prepare a support needs assessment report.

A NDIA delegate will then review the report to make sure it is complete and meets all the NDIS rules. Participants will receive a copy of their report. They can choose to share it with their family member, nominee or advocate.

If a participant is concerned about the assessment process or the report, the NDIA delegate will work with them to decide if a replacement assessment is needed. The rules will set out the situations when delegates should arrange a replacement assessment.

Sometimes targeted assessments are also needed for specific supports. For example, if a participant needs assistive technology, home modifications or vehicle modifications, a health professional such as an occupational therapist will complete a report about the types of supports the participant needs.

This information makes up the support needs assessment report.

#### Support needs assessment report

The new NDIS rules will set out what information must be included in a support needs assessment report, including:

- core assessment: the frequency of support a participant need in different areas of their life
- personal and environmental circumstances questionnaire: the responses to each question relevant to the participant
- targeted assessments: the outcomes of any targeted assessments relevant to the participant
- assessed support categories: the types of NDIS support the participant has been assessed as needing.

The NDIA assessor will write the support needs assessment report. It will then be reviewed by a NDIA delegate to make sure all the required information has been included.

Participants will receive a copy of their report in their preferred format. They can also choose to share it with a nominee, family member or advocate. If a participant has concerns about the report, the NDIA delegate will discuss these concerns with them and consider whether a new assessment is needed.

The report must be completed as soon as possible after the support needs assessment. The report will be used to inform the reasonable and necessary budget in the participant's new NDIS plan, in line with the NDIS Rules.

A [draft participant plan](#) and [draft support needs assessment report](#) are available to see what these documents may look like under new framework planning.

More information on support needs assessments can be found in the [Support needs assessment factsheet](#).

#### Consultation questions

- What parts of the support needs assessment process need more explanation?
- What questions and feedback do you have about the draft support needs assessment report template?
- In what circumstances do you think a replacement assessment should be arranged?

## Budget method rules

There are new framework planning rules for working out a participant's budget to ensure funding is calculated in a consistent and transparent way. These rules are called the budget method and are set out in [s32K of the NDIS Act](#).

The budget method rules will describe steps the NDIA must follow to calculate a participant's funding based on their support needs assessment report.

## What the budget method might look like in practice

After the participant has completed their support needs assessment, the NDIA will develop the participant's budget. Once the budget has been developed, a NDIA delegate will review the budget as part of approving a participant's plan. The participant will receive their budget as part of their plan.

To make a participant budget using new framework planning, the NDIA considers:

- The length of the participant's plan
- The supports and funding categories identified in the support needs assessment report
- NDIS funding calculations using the specific steps in the new budget method rules

Under new framework planning a reasonable and necessary budget will be made up of flexible funding and stated supports funding.

The funding for all flexible supports is added together to create the participant's flexible budget.

Participants will also have funding for any stated supports they need. There will also be some adjustments to funding under certain conditions. For example, if a person lives in a remote location, there will be an adjustment to make sure they have the right amount of funding for their situation.

Once the participant receives their plan, they will have the opportunity for a plan implementation meeting if they choose. In this meeting the NDIA will go through the plan with the participant, explain the details, and answer questions the participant has.

While the budget method is used to work out how much funding a participant receives in their plan, it doesn't tell participants how to use their funding. Flexible funding can be spent on NDIS supports to meet a participant's disability support needs.

## Flexible and stated supports funding

The intention is for more funding to be in the flexible budget for most NDIS participants. In most cases, participants can choose which NDIS supports to buy from their flexible budget and how much to spend on each support. Participants will also have longer plans of up to 5 years to enable greater participant choice and control.

The remaining funding in the stated supports budget must be used for the stated purpose (for example, home modifications or assistive technology).

## Categories of NDIS supports for the budget method

A new concept called 'categories of NDIS supports' has been created to help the NDIA work out a participant's budget.

Funding will be grouped into 18 categories of NDIS supports

- 8 are in the flexible budget
- 10 in the stated supports budget

These categories have been created to closely align with the proposed amendments to the NDIS supports rules and have also grouped support items together based on similar types of supports and processes for calculating funding.

Categories of NDIS supports used in the budget method for working out the amount of funding are listed in [Attachment 3](#).

## How the funding is worked out for categories of NDIS supports

The way funding is worked out is different for the 18 categories of NDIS supports. This will be documented in the new NDIS budget method rule. Different supports require different information to assess needs. For example, complex home modifications need quotes, while in-home supports are based on the number of support hours needed and the cost of those hours.

The amount of NDIS funding a participant receives will be calculated differently for different categories of NDIS supports. Rather than using a single approach for all categories, the budget method rules will say which approach is to be used for each category.

Some of the approaches that will be used include; using quotes, set funding levels, or an estimate of the hours of support required to meet the need.

For example, funding for a manual wheelchair may be based on a set market price. Funding for assistance with daily activities may be based on the estimated number of support worker hours. Funding for behaviour supports is provided at set funding levels.

## Budget method policy settings and assessment pathway

A budget method policy settings table has been created to help people understand the different approaches to funding support categories. This can be found in [Attachment 4](#).

The table shows:

- the category of NDIS supports
- the part of the support needs assessment used to assess the need
- how funding is calculated
- any adjustments to the funding amount

These policy settings are currently being developed and tested by the NDIA. Mock support needs assessments are being completed with participants so NDIA can test the processes and use the results to refine the budget method rules based on real life experience of assessment and budget processes.

The testing will help NDIA understand whether funding amounts generated for participants are appropriate for their needs. To find out more on how to be involved please visit [Help test the new way of planning | NDIS](#). More information on working out a budget is available in the [Working out a reasonable and necessary budget factsheet](#).

### Consultation questions

- Further information and details about the budget method calculations will be provided later in 2026 after more testing is done. What information would help participants understand how a budget is calculated?
- What questions and feedback to you have about the draft participant plan template?

## Plan variation and reassessment rules

The plan variation and reassessment rules will outline when and how NDIS plans may be varied or reassessed under new framework planning rules. Plans can be updated through a plan variation, which changes a specific part of a plan, or a plan reassessment, which involves a new support needs assessment and creates a new plan.

The current plan variation rules only apply to old framework planning (the current way of making a NDIS plan) and need to be updated to work under the new framework planning approach. The current plan reassessment rules cover both old and new framework planning.

### What this might look like in practice

#### Plan variations

Plans can be updated through a plan variation to change a specific part of a plan and will be used for short term changes.

This will commonly be used when the participant needs:

- small changes to how their plan is managed, such as changing their plan management type or extending their plan duration
- urgent funding for crisis or participant safety reasons
- repairs, rentals, replacements or emergency veterinary costs relating to assistance animals, assistive technology and home modifications, small funding changes to their existing support needs, such as a small increase in work hours.

A plan variation amount will be worked out using the new NDIS budget method rule. NDIA staff will follow different steps in the budget method to calculate funding, depending on the reason for the variation.

More information about plan variations and reassessments is available in the [Plan variations and reassessments factsheet](#).

#### Plan reassessments

A plan reassessment is used when a completely new plan is needed. This will often be used when ongoing support needs have changed significantly. A full review of a participant's plan is undertaken including a new support needs assessment and will result in a new NDIS plan.

Most plan updates will be made through a plan variation rather than a full plan reassessment. This will make it easier and faster to update plans when circumstances change, such as when equipment needs to be repaired or replaced.

Participants will be able to make many day-to-day decisions within their approved budget without needing a formal plan update, as long as funding is used in line with their plan and NDIS rules.

### Consultation question

- What feedback and questions do you have about plan variations?

## Changes to NDIS support rules

The NDIS support rules currently only apply to old framework planning (the current way of planning) and will need to be updated to include NDIS supports for new framework planning.

The categories of support for both old and new framework planning are described in [Attachment 3](#) which will align with the new support needs assessment and budget method to work out how plans will be developed.

### What will be changing?

The rules for NDIS support will be updated to match the new way of planning.

| What is changing                                 | What this means for you                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| New support groups categories                    | The new support groups will match how needs are assessed and how budgets are worked out in new framework planning. These changes do not remove supports from NDIS participants. |
| Items NDIS will not fund                         | Some items the NDIS will not fund will be listed more clearly. This is to reduce confusion and disputes about what NDIS funding can be used for.                                |
| Purchasing NDIS supports made clearer            | NDIS supports can be purchased from any retail, hardware, pharmacy or other stores. You do not need to buy them from specialist disability providers.                           |
| Funding for animal-assisted therapy made clearer | The NDIS may fund animal-assisted therapy. This can happen when a qualified allied health professional provides it as part of their therapy.                                    |
| Excluding some items from supports               | These items will be excluded from NDIS supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fencing and gates</li> <li>• electronic noise-cancelling headphones</li> </ul>        |

- hair styling tools (brushes, hair dryers and straighteners)
- hydrogen fuel and electric vehicle charging stations and costs
- scuba therapy.

Removing replacement supports (for both new and old framework planning)

The most commonly requested replacement items will be included as stated supports, including smart devices such as smart phones, tablets and communications applications.

More information about changes to NDIS supports is available in the [NDIS supports factsheet](#).

### Consultation questions

- What feedback do you have about changes to NDIS supports for old and new framework planning?
- What impacts do you think will be experienced as a result of removing replacement supports? What items or services will no longer be available?

## Next steps for this consultation

After this consultation closes, the Department will review feedback, publish a What We Heard report and the NDIA will continue testing the new framework planning approach with participants.

The Department will work with states and territories and the disability community to finalise full drafts of the new NDIS rules based on this consultation and insights from ongoing testing and validation activities being undertaken by the NDIA. Disability Ministers will be asked to consider full draft rules and agree to releasing exposure drafts as part of the next stage of information sharing and consultation on this topic later in 2026.

### What are the next steps after public consultation?

The next steps are expected to include:

1. Reviewing feedback from the consultation.
2. Publishing a "What We Heard" report explaining the main themes, concerns and suggestions raised by the community. This helps show how feedback was considered.
3. Developing and releasing exposure drafts of the rules for New Framework Planning.
4. Continuing testing and validation activity with participants to shape the initial implementation and rollout.
5. Disability Ministers will consider draft rules and be asked to release exposure drafts later in 2026.
6. Further feedback and testing will inform explanatory materials and ongoing improvements to participant experience in the rollout of new framework planning.

### Future focus

The focus is on creating a NDIS planning process that is:

- More focused on a participant's support needs.
- Funding decisions are based on transparent rules and are fairer and more consistent.
- Longer plans with more flexibility and choice and control for participants to use.

Participants will continue to receive information and support before any changes affect them.

### Other considerations

- Current NDIS plans will remain in place until a new framework plan is approved.
- Changes will happen gradually and participants will be informed before any changes affect them.
- Participants will continue to have [review and appeal rights](#) if they disagree with a decision.
- Ongoing engagement with the disability community will help improve the system as the new approach is introduced.

## How to submit your feedback

You can get involved by:

- Uploading a written submission
- Answering the consultation questions online
- Submitting a video response (including Auslan)
- Requesting a phone call with us
- Emailing us directly: [NDISConsultations@health.gov.au](mailto:NDISConsultations@health.gov.au)

**Submissions for this consultation are open from 19 August to 14 October 2026.**

### Questions?

**Email:** [NDISConsultations@health.gov.au](mailto:NDISConsultations@health.gov.au)

**Write to:**

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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

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# List of all consultation questions

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## General Questions

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- What information was most useful?
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- What should we focus on in future communication products?

# Glossary

| Term                            | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Budget method</b>            | The rules and steps used to generate the amount of funding each participant receives in their budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Flexible funding</b>         | Flexible funding may be used by participants for NDIS supports that are not stated supports. Examples may include, employment supports, consumables, therapy, in-home and community supports.                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Funding periods</b>          | The period of time within the total plan duration a participant has to spend the funding they receive in their budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Legislation</b>              | A law or set of laws suggested by a government and made official by a parliament.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>NDIA Assessor</b>            | A trained and accredited NDIA employee who undertakes a support needs assessment or replacement assessment for the purposes of section 32L of the Act.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>NDIA Delegate</b>            | An NDIA employee who works with participants to create an NDIS plan. A delegate of the CEO and can make decisions under the NDIS Act.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>New framework plans</b>      | NDIS plans developed using the new support needs assessment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>NDIS rules</b>               | The <a href="#">NDIS rules</a> are legislative instruments made under the NDIS Act. NDIS rules set out how the NDIS Act works in practice.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Notice</b>                   | A document that shares information with a participant about their NDIS participant status. For example, a Notice of Impairment or a Notice to have a New Framework Plan.                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Old framework plans</b>      | NDIS plans developed using the current planning approach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Operational guidelines</b>   | Information based on the NDIS legislation and rules that explain what the NDIA needs to consider and how it makes decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Support needs assessment</b> | An assessment process that will be used by the NDIA to better understand a participant's support needs and develop their budget.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Stated supports</b>          | A type of support where funding can only be spent on the specific supports identified. Examples may include, short-term accommodation, assistive technology assets, specialist disability accommodation, home modifications, private vehicle transport, behaviour supports, medium-term accommodation, support coordination. |
| <b>Total funding amounts</b>    | In new framework plans, this is the total amount of funds for the flexible budget or a stated support over the length of a participant's plan.                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Attachment 1: Core needs assessment domain areas

| Domain                             | Subdomains                                                                                                                                            | Domain                                         | Subdomains                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Mobility                         | (a) transfers and positioning;<br>(b) carrying, moving and handling objects;<br>(c) walking and moving;<br>(d) transport                              | 7 General tasks and demands                    | (a) daily routines;<br>(b) initiating and completing tasks;<br>(c) medication management;<br>(d) safety and risk of abuse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2 Domestic life                    | (a) shopping;<br>(b) cooking;<br>(c) cleaning and domestic tasks;<br>(d) household maintenance                                                        | 8 Life-long learning                           | (a) finding, choosing and applying;<br>(b) punctuality and preparation;<br>(c) doing the job or participating in learning;<br>(d) after hours                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3 Self-care                        | (a) eating and drinking;<br>(b) personal care;<br>(c) toileting;<br>(d) dressing                                                                      | 9 Interpersonal interactions and relationships | (a) social skills;<br>(b) seeking assistance and cooperating;<br>(c) managing relationships;<br>(d) intimate and dependent relationships                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4 Community, social and civic life | (a) money and economic life;<br>(b) community life;<br>(c) leisure and recreation;<br>(d) advocacy                                                    | 10 Behaviour of concern                        | (a) hurtful to self;<br>(b) disruptive or offensive behaviour;<br>(c) socially excluding behaviour;<br>(d) damage to property                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5 Communication                    | (a) receiving basic communication;<br>(b) expressing basic communication;<br>(c) feelings and emotions;<br>(d) conversation and complex communication | 11 Mental and emotional health                 | (a) mood;<br>(b) anxiety;<br>(c) addictions;<br>(d) other mental and emotional health                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6 Learning and applying knowledge  | (a) learning new tasks;<br>(b) decision making, solving problems and insight;<br>(c) literacy and numeracy;<br>(d) understanding time                 | 12 Physical health                             | (a) nervous system;<br>(b) senses;<br>(c) pain;<br>(d) mouth, voice and speech;<br>(e) heart, blood, immune system and respiratory system;<br>(f) digestive, metabolic and endocrine functions;<br>(g) urinary and reproductive systems;<br>(h) muscular and movement related functions;<br>(i) skin and related functions;<br>(j) other physical health |

## Attachment 2: Targeted assessment module

There are four targeted assessment groups, with two broken down into further sub-groups. In total, there are 23 targeted assessment modules an assessor could complete.

### Group 1: Disability related health supports

- Wound and pressure management
- Respiratory
- Epilepsy and seizure
- Dysphagia
- Dietary/nutrition
- Diabetes
- Continence
- Lymphoedema

### Group 2: Assistive technology

- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Communication
- Personal mobility and transfers
- Toileting and bathing
- Recreation and leisure
- Beds, furniture and fixtures
- Assistance animals
- Dog guides
- Vehicle modifications
- Environmental controls and mounting devices
- Hearing AT
- Vision AT

### Group 3: Home environment supports

- Home modifications
- Specialist Disability Accommodation

### Group 4: Behaviour supports

## Attachment 3: List of categories of NDIS supports

| Category                                            | Flexible or Stated | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Assistance animals                               | Stated             | Supports related to the provision and ongoing care of an eligible assistance animal to support a participant's functional needs.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2. Assistive technology - assets                    | Stated             | Devices and equipment enabling participants to perform daily tasks safely and independently, including purchase, rental, set-up and ongoing maintenance.                                                                                                                             |
| 3. Assistive technology - other                     | Flexible           | Low-risk assistive products enabling participants to carry out everyday and self-care tasks safely and independently, and do not require ongoing maintenance.                                                                                                                        |
| 4. Behaviour support                                | Stated             | Supports to develop, implement and maintain behaviour support plans to address behaviours of concern and build participant capacity.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5. Disability related health supports – Nursing     | Flexible           | Health-related supports required due to the functional impact of a participant's disability, delivered by or under clinical supervision to maintain health and safety. May be delivered by nurse or allied health professional as required.                                          |
| 6 .Disability related health supports - Consumables | Flexible           | Consumable health-related items required due to the functional impact of a participant's disability to support ongoing health management. This includes items to manage dysphagia, diabetes, continence, wound and pressure care, respiration, nutrition and podiatry and foot care. |
| 7. Employment supports                              | Flexible           | Supports that build a participant's capacity to prepare for, find or keep employment.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8. Home modifications                               | Stated             | Structural changes to a participant's home to improve safety, accessibility and independence in daily living.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9. In-home and community supports (IHCS)            | Flexible           | Supports that assist with daily living activities and engaging safely in the home and community.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10. Interpreting and translation supports           | Flexible           | Supports enabling communication through interpreting and translation to support participation in daily and community activities.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11. Medium term accommodation                       | Stated             | Time-limited accommodation provided while a participant transitions to long-term housing, while the long-term housing is not yet available or is unsuitable.                                                                                                                         |
| 12. Plan management                                 | Stated             | Enabling service to manage and administer funding in a participant's plan, including payment of providers and financial reporting.                                                                                                                                                   |

| Category                                | Flexible or Stated | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 13. Private vehicle transport           | Stated             | Funding to assist participants travelling by private transport where they cannot use public transport independently.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 14. Short term accommodation            | Stated             | Time-limited accommodation providing participants with additional support and a temporary change in living environment to meet their support needs and sustain informal supports.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15. Specialised driver training         | Flexible           | Supports that build a participant's capacity to safely drive using specialised vehicles or adapted equipment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 16. Specialist disability accommodation | Stated             | Specialist housing for participants with very high support needs or extreme functional impairment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 17. Support co-ordination               | Stated             | Supports that assist participants to understand and use their plan and connect with supports and services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 18. Therapy                             | Flexible           | Evidence-based allied health supports that improve or maintain a participant's functional capacity across daily living, communication and community participation. This includes: assessment, prescription, implementation, adjustment and training in the use of assistive products where required to support functional outcomes. |

## Attachment 4: Categories of NDIS supports policy overview

This is a summary of the rules for working out a budget in new framework planning. It describes the 18 categories of NDIS supports and the sources of assessment information used to calculate a participant's budget.

| NDIS support                                  |                                                                                                                                                               | Assessment pathway                               | Funding      |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| NDIS support category                         | Rule summary description                                                                                                                                      |                                                  | Funding type | Processes to determine funding                                                                         | Funding adjustments                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1. Assistance animals                         | Supports related to the provision and ongoing care of an eligible assistance animal to support a participant's functional needs                               | Targeted assessment                              | Stated       | Quotation, with benchmarking for some ongoing costs (e.g. food, vet fees)                              | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                                                                                                            |
| 2. Assistive technology – Assets (AT- assets) | Devices and equipment enabling participants to perform daily tasks safely and independently, including purchase, rental, set-up and ongoing maintenance       | Targeted assessment                              | Stated       | Quotation or benchmarking multiplied by the quantity required                                          | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>Participants living in aged care have access to AT equipment within the aged care facility, for example a bed. |
| 3. Assistive Technology- Other (AT- other)    | Low-risk assistive products enabling participants to carry out everyday and self-care tasks safely and independently, and do not require ongoing maintenance. | Core needs assessment                            | Flexible     | Eligibility and set funding levels driven by policy and rules                                          | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                                                                                                            |
| 4. Behaviour support                          | Supports to develop, implement and maintain behaviour support plans to reduce behaviours of concern and build participant capacity                            | Core needs assessment<br><br>Targeted assessment | Stated       | Eligibility and set funding levels driven by policy decisions<br><br>Uses PAPL prices and hours needed | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                                                                                                            |

| NDIS support                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Assessment pathway                | Funding      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                   |
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| NDIS support category                                                  | Rule summary description                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   | Funding type | Processes to determine funding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Funding adjustments                                               |
| 5. Disability-related health supports – Nursing (DRHS-Nursing)         | Health-related supports required due to the functional impact of a participant's disability, delivered by or under clinical supervision to maintain health and safety.<br><br>May be delivered by nurse or allied health professional as required. | Targeted assessment               | Flexible     | Funding levels based on targeted assessment module<br><br>Uses PAPL prices and hours needed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>Aged care |
| 6. Disability-related health supports – Consumables (DRHS-Consumables) | Consumable health-related items required due to the functional impact of a participant's disability to support ongoing health management.                                                                                                          | Targeted assessment               | Flexible     | Funding levels based on targeted assessment module and benchmark pricing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>Aged care |
| 7. Employment supports                                                 | Supports that build a participant's capacity to prepare for, find or keep employment                                                                                                                                                               | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ | Flexible     | Supports for employment related assessment, counselling and advice - one funding amount<br><br>Employment assistance - four cohorts of participants each with their own funding amount.<br><br>Supports in employment - funding levels based on number of hours of work, level of support required and need for capital expenditure.<br><br>Uses PAPL prices and hours needed. | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil       |
| 8. Home modifications                                                  | Structural changes to a participant's home to improve safety, accessibility and independence in daily living                                                                                                                                       | Targeted assessment               | Stated       | Quotation or benchmarking multiplied by the quantity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil       |

| NDIS support                              |                                                                                                                                                             | Assessment pathway                                           | Funding      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| NDIS support category                     | Rule summary description                                                                                                                                    |                                                              | Funding type | Processes to determine funding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Funding adjustments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9. In-home and community supports (IHCS)  | Supports that assist with daily living activities and engaging safely in the home and community                                                             | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ<br><br>Targeted assessment | Flexible     | In-home supports<br>Volume of support can be directly determined from assessed needs<br><br>Community supports funding is calculated as part of IHCS. In NFP eligible participants are proposed to be funded a default community supports amount, rather than an amount determined through delegate discretion. | <b>Adjustment:</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Informal supports offset:</b> based on frequency and durability of informal support<br><br>An increase for in-home supports to a ratio of 1:1 for participants in medium term accommodation in limited circumstances<br><br>Modified ruleset for participants in aged care;<br>SDA onsite shared supports;<br>nursing<br><b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil<br><b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil |
| 10. Interpreting and translation supports | Supports enabling communication through interpreting and translation to support participation in daily and community activities                             | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ                            | Flexible     | Pricing based on PAPL multiplied by hours of need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil<br><b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11. Medium term accommodation (MTA)       | Time-limited accommodation provided while a participant transitions to long-term housing, while the long-term housing is not yet available or is unsuitable | PECQ<br><br>Targeted assessment                              | Stated       | Funding level uses PAPL price<br><br>Eligibility determines a single funding amount                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12. Plan management                       | Enabling service to manage and administer funding in a participant's plan, including payment of providers and financial reporting                           | Delegate decision                                            | N/a          | Annual funding level uses PAPL price x months of need.<br><br>Eligibility determines a single funding amount based on delegate decision.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| NDIS support                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                   | Assessment pathway                                           | Funding                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                  |
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| NDIS support category                         | Rule summary description                                                                                                                                                          |                                                              | Funding type                                      | Processes to determine funding                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Funding adjustments                                                              |
|                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                              |                                                   | *Primary legislative amendment may mean funding is determined by delegate outside of budget method<br>**Potential changes regarding commissioning with ongoing reform activity<br>Eligibility and set funding levels driven by policy decisions | <b>Adjustment</b><br>nil                                                         |
| 13. Private vehicle transport                 | Funding to assist participants travelling by private transport where they cannot use public transport independently                                                               | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ                            | Stated usually paid fortnightly as a fixed amount |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Offset</b><br>Driver vehicle modifications<br><b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness |
| 14. Short-term accommodation (STA)            | Time-limited accommodation providing participants with additional support and a temporary change in living environment to meet their support needs and sustain informal supports. | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ<br><br>Targeted assessment | Stated                                            | Hourly price of support worker multiplied by the number of STA days needed.<br><br>Daily price of participant and support worker accommodation multiplied by the number of STA days needed                                                      | <b>Offset</b><br>nil                                                             |
| 15. Specialised driver training               | Supports that build a participant's capacity to safely drive using specialised vehicles or adapted equipment                                                                      | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ                            | Flexible                                          | No funding levels, eligibility determines a single funding amount.                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                      |
| 16. Specialist disability accommodation (SDA) | Specialist housing for participants with very high support needs or extreme functional impairment                                                                                 | Core needs assessment<br><br>PECQ<br><br>Targeted assessment | Stated                                            | Highest PAPL base price based on the following information:<br>- SDA design category<br>- SDA building type<br>- Number of bedrooms and SDA eligible residents<br>- SDA location                                                                | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil                      |

| NDIS support             |                                                                                                                                                                   | Assessment pathway                                           | Funding      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                             |
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| NDIS support category    | Rule summary description                                                                                                                                          |                                                              | Funding type | Processes to determine funding                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Funding adjustments                                         |
| 17. Support coordination | Supports that assist participants to understand and use their plan, and connect with supports and services                                                        | Core Needs Assessment<br><br>PECQ                            | Stated       | Funding levels (some time-limited levels) determined by PAPL price multiplied by hours of need<br><br>Assessment outcomes will derive relative needs levels<br><br>*Potential changes regarding commissioning with ongoing reform activity | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil |
| 18. Therapy              | Evidence-based allied health supports that improve or maintain a participant's functional capacity across daily living, communication and community participation | Core needs assessment<br><br>PECQ<br><br>Targeted assessment | Flexible     | Funding levels determined by assessed need for one or more of functional, DRHS, AT or assessment therapy.                                                                                                                                  | <b>Adjustment</b><br>Remoteness<br><br><b>Offset</b><br>nil |

