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# Changes to NDIS plans

We want to know what you think

Easy Read version



# How to use this document



We are the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

We wrote this document.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 19.



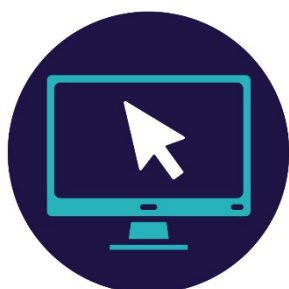
You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

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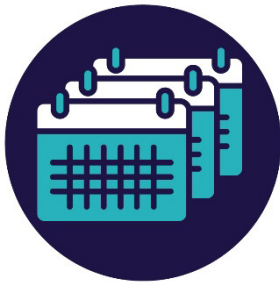
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# Why are the NDIS rules changing?



The Australian Government is changing some rules for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

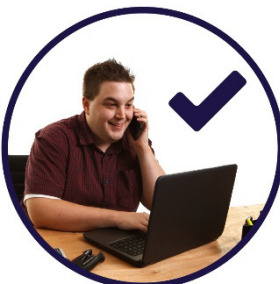


The new rules will make sure the NDIS can last a long time.

The new rules will also make sure the NDIS is:



- fairer



- easier to use and understand



- focused on what people with disability need.



We want to make sure the new rules will work well for **participants**.



Participants are people with disability who are part of the NDIS.

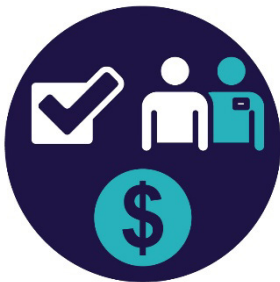


The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) runs the NDIS.

# What will change?



The rules will change how the NDIA creates **NDIS plans**.



An NDIS plan has information about:

- a participant and their goals
- what supports a participant needs
- what the NDIS will pay for.



The NDIA will follow 4 steps to create an NDIS plan.



The NDIA will start using these steps in July 2026.



The NDIA will follow these steps to help participants understand this new way of creating NDIS plans.

# How will it work?



We explain the 4 steps the NDIA will follow to create NDIS plans on the following pages.

## Step 1 – Get ready for the assessment



The NDIA will contact participants and explain how NDIS plans will change.



The NDIA will also send participants information to help them get ready for their **assessment**.



Assessments help the NDIA work out:

- how your disability affects your life
- what supports you need.





The NDIA will tell participants when they need to start using their new NDIS plans.

## Step 2 – Do the assessment



Participants will do the assessment with someone who works for the NDIA.

They are called an NDIA Assessor.

The NDIA Assessor will ask questions to learn about a participant's:



- daily life



- support needs.





The NDIA Assessor will also ask questions to find out what a participant wants.



The NDIA Assessor will collect information about participants in different ways.

They will:



- use an assessment tool



- ask participants questions about their lives.



They also might ask for reports from health professionals.



The NDIA Assessor will use all the information they find out to write a report.



This report will explain the supports that participants need.

## Step 3 – Update the NDIS plan



The NDIA will read the report from the NDIA Assessor.

The NDIA will use information in the report to decide:



- how much money participants will need for supports



- how participants can use the money from their NDIS plan.



For example, the NDIA might decide a participant will have **stated supports**.



When a support is a stated support, participants get money in their NDIS plan they can only use for that support.



The NDIA have a list of stated supports.

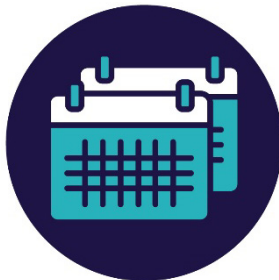
They are still working on this list.



You can find this list on our website.

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The NDIA will also use information in the report to decide:



- how long NDIS plans should last for



- how NDIS plans should be managed



- any rules that NDIS plans must follow.



Participants can ask the NDIA for an **internal review** of their NDIS plans.



An internal review is when the NDIA checks their decision to make sure it was:

- fair
- right.

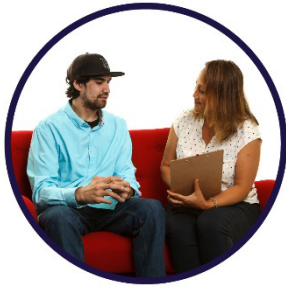


Participants can also ask for another assessment.



The NDIA will think about whether they need to do another assessment.

## Step 4 – Start using the new NDIS plan



Participants can have a meeting with someone from the NDIA to understand their new NDIS plan.



Participants can have regular meetings for support with their new NDIS plan.



Someone from the NDIA will explain when a participant can ask for small changes to their NDIS plan.



Someone from the NDIA will also explain if a participant needs to do a new assessment.

# How can you have your say?



We want to find out what the community thinks about the new rules.



We have included some questions below that we would like people to answer.



The NDIA Assessor writes a report that explains what supports a participant needs.

What other information do you think should be in this report?



Sometimes a participant might need to do their assessment again if there is a problem.

This will happen before the NDIA approves their NDIS plan.





When do you think the NDIA needs to do a new assessment?

For example, if information in the assessment is wrong.



Is there anything else you want us to think about for the new rules?



Do you have any concerns or questions about the NDIA's list of stated supports?



What do you think is the best way to explain the new rules to people?

This includes participants, families and carers.



Is there anything else you want us to think about for the new rules?



You can answer these questions by filling out a survey online.

[consultations.health.gov.au/ndis/nfp-public-consultation](https://consultations.health.gov.au/ndis/nfp-public-consultation)



You can answer these questions by sending us an email.

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

# What happens next?

We will use what we find out from the community to:



- finish writing the rules



- explain what people need to do to follow the rules.

# Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



## **Assessments**

Assessments help the NDIA work out:

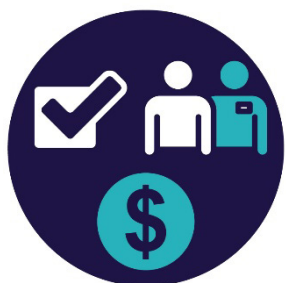
- how your disability affects your life
- what supports you need.



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## **Participants**

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## **Stated support**

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