

ABOUT THE NDIS

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The NDIS is an Australia - wide scheme



It supports people aged **0 to 65 years** with permanent and significant disability



In NSW, about **140,000 people** with disability are expected to join the NDIS - including 40,000 children and young people.

A PERSON WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NDIS:

- If they have a **lifelong disability** that significantly affects their ability to participate in the community.
- People can check their **eligibility on the NDIS website**, using an eligibility checklist.



THROUGH THE NDIS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY WILL BE ABLE TO:

- ✓ Have more choice and control over their disability supports and how those supports are provided.
- ✓ Access 'reasonable and necessary' supports to achieve their personal goals.
- ✓ Live an ordinary life, that is, to build their skills and capabilities so they can engage in education, employment and community activities.

The NDIS is managed by the **National Disability Insurance Agency, or NDIA**. The NDIA is responsible for determining eligibility for the scheme and for developing personalised support plans for participants.

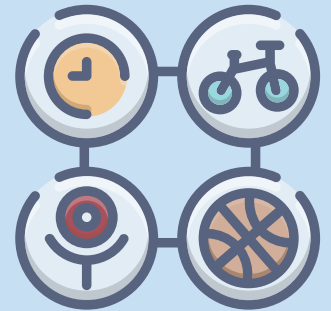
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What Services and Support does the NDIS fund?

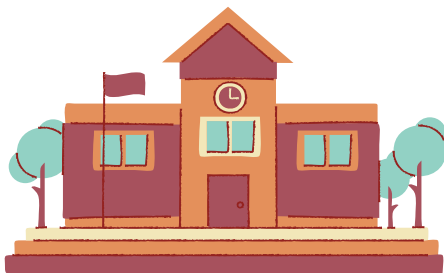
The NDIS funds supports for eligible people based on their individual needs. The types of supports the NDIS may fund include:

- Daily personal activities
- Transport to participate in community
- Social, economic and daily life activities
- Employment help to get or keep a job in the supported labour market
- Therapeutic supports – allied health and behaviour support
- Help with household tasks
- Aids and equipment – assessment, set up and training
- Mobility equipment home or vehicle modifications



The Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) Approach

Support for children aged to **0 to 6 years** with a disability or development delay



Focuses on Integrating supports to meet the child's needs across various settings including:

- preschools
- playgroups and
- the early years of school

Timely, comprehensive and well-integrated early intervention supports will foster inclusion and participation in the child's environment and offers the child the best chance of achieving their potential. The NDIS has engaged experienced service providers, known as Early Childhood Partners, to deliver the ECEI approach. **Children do not need a diagnosis to access ECEI supports and families can self refer.** Some children who access ECEI supports may go on to receive an individual NDIS plan.