

Accessing the NDIS for new participants

Fact sheet

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Key points:

- If you have not previously accessed any NSW funded disability supports, you can access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from 1 July 2016, depending on which area you live in.
- You will have your eligibility for the NDIS determined by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

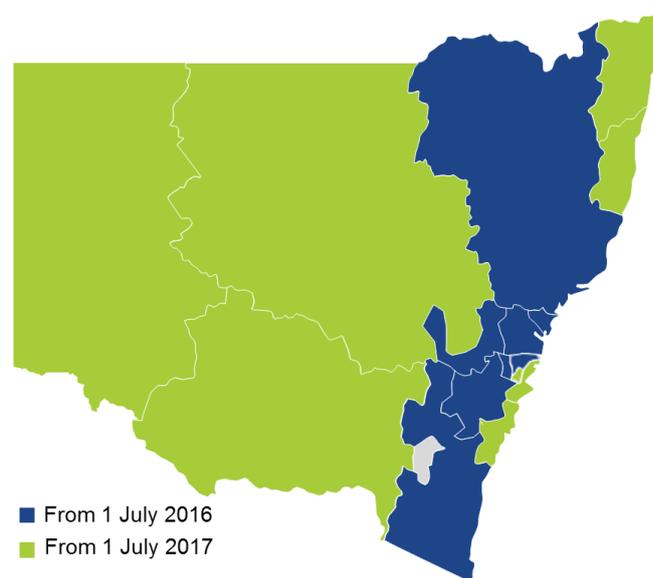
This fact sheet is for people with disability who have not previously accessed any NSW funded disability supports. It provides information on how and when they can access the NDIS.

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. The map below shows when the NDIS will roll out in your area.



■ From 1 July 2016
■ From 1 July 2017

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You will be able to access the NDIS from 1 July 2016, if you live in the following districts:

- ✓ Central Coast
- ✓ Hunter New England
- ✓ Nepean Blue Mountains
- ✓ Northern Sydney
- ✓ South Western Sydney
- ✓ Southern NSW
- ✓ Western Sydney

From 1 July 2017

You will be able to access the NDIS from 1 July 2017, if you live in the following districts:

- ✓ Illawarra Shoalhaven
- ✓ Mid North Coast
- ✓ Murrumbidgee
- ✓ Northern NSW
- ✓ South Eastern Sydney
- ✓ Sydney
- ✓ Western NSW
- ✓ Far West

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From 1 July 2018, all eligible people with disability living in NSW will be able to access the NDIS.

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.