



NDIS Eligibility

NDIS Tips Sheet 1: NDIS – An Introduction provides an overview of the NDIS and NDIA. It outlines when and where the NDIS will be available.

The NDIS starts from July 2016

People will be eligible to take part in the NDIS once it is introduced in the area where they live.

A person who takes part in the NDIS is called a **participant**.

To find out where and when the NDIS starts in Victoria, see **NDIS Tips Sheet 1: NDIS – An Introduction**.

To find out when the NDIS starts in other states and territories, visit the NDIS website: www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites.html

Accessing the NDIS

To be eligible to receive support from the NDIS a person must:

- be under 65 years old
- be a resident of Australia
- be an Australian citizen, hold a permanent visa or hold a protected special category visa
- have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities **OR** requires early intervention

See the disability requirements **OR** early intervention requirements below.

Disability requirements

To meet the NDIS disability requirements a person needs to have an impairment or condition that is permanent and that stops them from doing everyday things by themselves.

KEY TERMS

The **NDIS** is the **National Disability Insurance Scheme**. The NDIS provides people with disabilities, their families and carers more choice and control over how disability supports are provided.

The **NDIA** is the **National Disability Insurance Agency**. It is the organisation which works with people with disabilities, their families and carers to get access to the NDIS support they need.

For example, a person usually needs support from others or assistive equipment to undertake one or more of the following activities:

- **communication:** understand and be understood by other people
- **social interaction:** make and keep friends and cope with feelings and emotions
- **learning:** understand, remember and learn new things
- **mobility:** get out of bed and move around the home and outside the home
- **self-care:** take a bath or shower, dress and eat
- **self-management:** do daily jobs, handle money and make decisions

Early intervention requirements

To meet the NDIS early intervention requirements, a person must:

- have an impairment or condition that is permanent

AND

- there is evidence that getting supports now will reduce the need for future supports

OR

- be a child under 6 years of age with a developmental delay, which means that child usually needs more help with their self-care, communication, learning or motor skills than another child of the same age.

NDIS Access Checklist

A simple online questionnaire called the **NDIS Access Checklist** is available to help people find out if they can apply to receive support from the NDIS.

The NDIS Access Checklist is found on the NDIS website:

www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist.html

Next steps: see **NDIS Tips Sheet 3: NDIA Access Request Form**

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