

# NDIS &#8211; overview

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A lawyer can listen to your story and help identify the next steps you can take.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (or NDIS) helps people with a disability, their families and carers. If you live with disability, NDIS may be able to pay for the reasonable and necessary supports you need.

## What type of supports can I get through NDIS?

NDIS will pay for supports related to your disability to help you in your daily life.

These supports might include:

- equipment such as a wheelchair or a communication device
- a support worker to help you access community services and activities
- health services like physiotherapy that are related to your disability
- a support worker to help with your personal care
- transport to and from community activities and work.

## How do I get help from NDIS?

- You must have a disability that is likely to be permanent.
- Your disability must substantially reduce your ability to do everyday things for yourself or participate in the community.
- You must be under 65 years old on the date the access request is made.

## Who manages NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Agency (the Agency) manages NDIS.

The Agency decides who can access NDIS and what supports a participant should have.

## How do I access NDIS or get a plan?

The Agency works closely with participants, their families and carers to create an individualised package of supports, known as a Plan. The Agency has created Local Area Coordinators (LACs) to:

- help a person to access NDIS
- help participants develop and implement their plan
- review plans to ensure participants are receiving the right supports.

## Who are the Local Area Coordinators (LACs) in Tasmania?

[Mission Australia](#) – in Tasmania's South East and North West

## Need more information?

See [NDIS Tasmania Easy English Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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