

## 1. What is the purpose of this operational guideline?

This Operational Guideline is intended to be used in conjunction with the Operational Guideline on [Planning](#) and provides additional guidance in relation to the preparation and review of a participant's plan when specific types of supports are under consideration.

In particular, this Operational Guideline provides additional guidance in relation to making a decision to [approve a statement of participant supports](#) which includes one or more of these specific types of supports.

## 2. What is the relevant legislation?

- Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 17A, 31 – 50, 51, 74, 99, 100 and 209(2A) of the [National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013](#) (NDIS Act); and
- [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Supports for Participants\) Rules 2013](#) (Supports for Participants Rules).

## 3. Overview

Once a person becomes a participant in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), they develop a personal goal-based plan with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

A participant's [plan](#) must include the participant's statement of goals and aspirations and a statement of participant supports (see [what must be included in a participant's plan?](#))

The statement of participant supports specifies, amongst other matters, the general supports (if any) that will be provided, and the [reasonable and necessary supports](#) (if any) that will be funded under the NDIS (section 33(2)).

When deciding to include *any* support in a participant's plan, the NDIA *must* have regard to a range of matters set out in the NDIS Act, including the participant's statement of goals and aspirations.

Specifically, before including any support in a participant's plan, the NDIA *must*:

- be satisfied that each support meets each of the criteria outlined in section [34\(1\)\(a\)-\(f\)](#) of the NDIS Act and the Supports for Participants Rules (see [deciding to include supports in a participant's plan](#));
- have regard to the specific [principles relating to plans](#);
- have regard to the other considerations which may apply when including supports in a participant's plan; and

- depending on the specific type of support being considered, refer to the additional guidance available for specific support types outlined in this operational guideline which relate to:
  - [Assistive technology](#) ;
  - [Home modifications](#);
  - [Employment, higher education and vocational education training](#);
  - [Vehicle modifications](#);
  - [Prosthetic limbs](#);
  - [Personal care supports](#);
  - [Recreation supports](#) ;
  - [Sustaining informal supports](#);
  - [Transport](#);
  - [Specialist Disability Accommodation \(SDA\)](#);

See also [what must the NDIA consider when approving the statement of participant supports?](#)

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