

# Independent Assessment Pilot

Help shape the future of the NDIS



## What is the Independent Assessment Pilot?

The pilot uses qualified professionals experienced in disability to carry out standardised functional capacity assessments for current NDIS participants.

Functional capacity assessments help the NDIA understand how a person's disability impacts their daily life.

## Why is the pilot happening?

Participants have told the NDIS that they want the NDIS to be equitable, consistent and focused on their needs.

We are piloting the use of skilled independent assessors conducting functional capacity assessments with participants to help make planning decisions more equitable and consistent for everyone.

## How is the pilot different to the usual NDIS planning process?

Pilot participants will continue with the steps that all participants take, but they will undertake a voluntary assessment appointment with their parent/legal guardian or representative to help support their planning outcome.

## Why participate?

- Assessments are offered free of charge and will help inform what supports are included in your plan.
- Standardised assessment tools will capture consistent information to ensure an equitable plan outcome.
- Participants feedback on the pilot will help shape the future improvements made to the NDIS planning process.

## Who is the pilot for?

- Participants with all types of disability.
- Participants of all ages who have a parent/legal guardian or representative available to help complete the assessments.
- Participants living in Nepean Blue Mountains, Northern Sydney, Western Sydney, Illawarra-Shoalhaven and Southern NSW.
- Participants approaching their scheduled plan review.



Voluntary pilot running  
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Independent assessments delivered by  
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