

Compensation

What is it? How does it affect your NDIS plan?

Easy Read version



How to use this fact sheet



The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) wrote this fact sheet. When you see the word 'we', it means the NDIA.



We have written this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Normal

We have written some words in **bold**.

Bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 14.



This Easy Read fact sheet is a summary of another guide.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website at www.ndis.gov.au



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

What is this fact sheet about?



Compensation is a payment you get because something happened to change how you live your life.



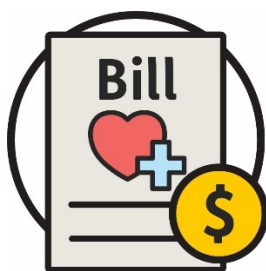
For example, you might have been hurt in a:

- car accident
- public place.



How much compensation you get depends on how much your injury changes your life.

The compensation you get might pay for:



- medical bills



- support you need in your home



- money you couldn't earn because you couldn't work.

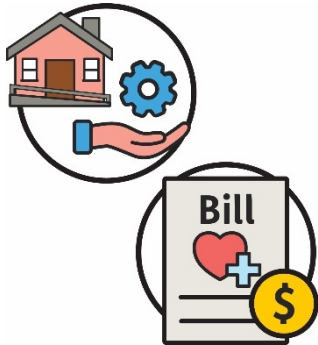


This fact sheet is about how your compensation might affect your NDIS plan.



In this fact sheet we call it a plan.

Why do we need to know about your compensation?



We need to know about compensation payments you get for:

- support in your home
- medical bills.



We need to know about your compensation so your plan pays for the right supports and services.



Your plan won't pay for supports and services your compensation:

- already pays for
- should pay for.

What do you need to do?



You need to tell us if:

- something happened to change how you live your life
- you get compensation.



You can tell us about your compensation when you:

- apply to take part in the NDIS
- go to your planning meeting.



We might ask you to fill out a Compensation Information Form.

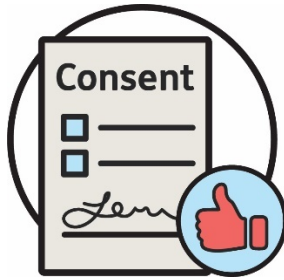


This form includes questions about:

- what happened to you
- your compensation.



We might need more information about your compensation.



We will ask for your **consent** if we need to talk to anyone about your compensation.



When you give consent, you say it is ok for someone to do something.



We will only use this information to work out if your compensation will affect your plan.



We will keep your information private.

How will your compensation affect your plan?



Your plan won't change until we have all the information we need about your compensation.



The person who pays your compensation might need to pay some money to the NDIS.



They will do this if the NDIS has paid for supports or services your compensation should have paid for.



The amount of money they pay to the NDIS is called a **Recoverable Amount**.



There is a limit on how much money should be paid to the NDIS.



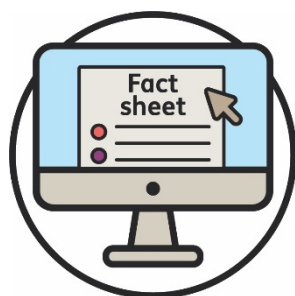
It won't be more than how much the NDIS paid for your supports and services.



If your compensation includes funding for more supports and services in the future, we might need to change your plan.



The amount of funding in your plan that needs to change is called a **Compensation Reduction Amount**.



You can read the Compensation Reduction Amount fact sheet on our website to find out more.

What if you aren't happy with the decision?



If you don't agree with our decision, you can ask us to review your plan.



You need to ask us within 3 months of hearing what our decision is.



If you still don't agree with our decision, you can ask the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) to look at it.



You can contact them on their website at www.aat.gov.au

What if something changes?



If you think that your life has changed a lot, you can ask us to review your plan.



We might ask you:

- for more information
- to prove how much your life has changed.



If we review your plan, we might change your:

- Recoverable Amount
- Compensation Reduction Amount.



You can contact us if you want:

- more information
- us to review your plan.

More information



You can find out more about compensation and your plan on our website at www.ndis.gov.au



If you would like more information about what is in this fact sheet, you can contact us.



www.ndis.gov.au



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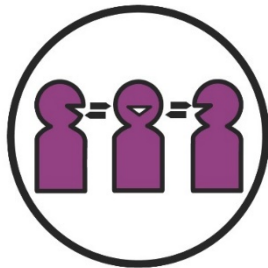


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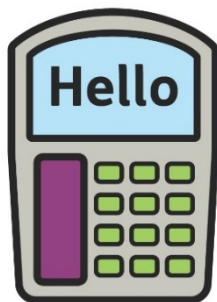
If you speak a language other than English,
you can call:



Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

131 450

If you have a speech or hearing impairment,
you can call:



TTY

1800 555 677



Speak and Listen

1800 555 727



National Relay Service

133 677

www.relayservice.gov.au

Word list



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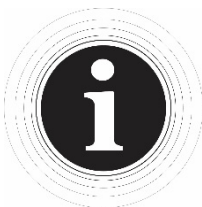
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