

# Independent Assessment Pilot

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### What is the Independent Assessment Pilot?

The pilot uses qualified professionals experienced in disability to carry out standardised functional impact assessments for prospective, new and current NDIS participants, who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability or psychosocial disability. Functional impact assessments help the NDIA understand how a person's disability impacts their daily life.

### Why is the pilot happening?

Participants have told the NDIA that they want the NDIS to be fair, consistent, and focused on the needs of the participant. We are piloting the use of a skilled independent assessor to help make access and planning decisions fairer and more consistent for everyone.

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

Pilot participants will continue with the steps that all participants take as part of the participant pathway, but they will undertake an observation session and an impact assessment with their parent/legal guardian or representative to help support their planning or access outcome.

### Why participate?

- Assessments are offered free of charge and will help inform an access decision or what supports are included in a participant's plan.
- Standardised assessment tools will capture consistent information to ensure a fair access decision or plan outcome.
- Participants' feedback on the pilot will help shape any future improvements made to the NDIS access and planning process.

### Who is the pilot for?

- ✓ People with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, psychosocial disability or intellectual disability.
- ✓ People aged 7 – 64 years who have a parent/legal guardian or representative available to complete the assessment.
- ✓ People who live within the following districts in New South Wales: Sydney, Western Sydney, North Sydney, South East Sydney, Nepean Blue Mountains, South Western Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter New England or Illawarra-Shoalhaven.
- ✓ People who have applied to the NDIS and are waiting on an access decision, **or** have had an 'access met' decision but do not have a plan yet, **or** people who are approaching their scheduled plan review.



Voluntary pilot running  
**November 2018 –  
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Independent assessments  
delivered by  
**The Benevolent Society**



Assessment methods  
include **Vineland-3,  
PEDI-CAT and/or LSP-16**

For more information or to opt into the pilot,  
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