About the new NDIS laws

Participant news

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How to use this newsletter

We are the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

We wrote this newsletter.

We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 23.

You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this newsletter
- find more information.

This is an Easy Read summary of another newsletter.

It only includes the most important ideas.

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A message from Graeme Head

This is a special newsletter for **participants**.

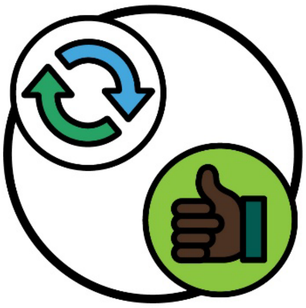
Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.

It is about the new NDIS laws.

Parliament is a part of the Australian Government.

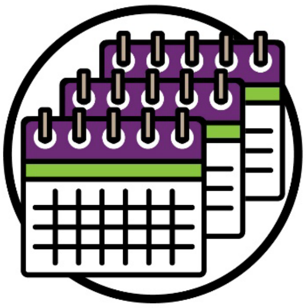
They make decisions about our laws.

Parliament has agreed to make the new NDIS laws.



Some things will change.

But many things will stay the same.



Most changes will happen:

- slowly
- over a few years.

But some things will change soon.

We will keep sharing information:

- about what is changing
- if it might affect you.

This includes sharing information:

- on our website
- in newsletters.

We are here to support you as the NDIS changes.

We will work hard to make sure you have the right information when you need it.

Graeme Head

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NDIA.

What the new NDIS laws mean

The new laws mean the NDIS will change over the next few years.

You do not have to do anything different now.

You can still use the supports in your **NDIS plan** like before.

Your NDIS plan has information about:

- you and your goals
- what supports you need
- what the NDIS will pay for.

The new NDIS laws will slowly change:

- how people join the NDIS

- how we create NDIS plans

- how you use **funding**.

  Funding is money from your NDIS plan that pays for the supports you need.

The new laws will change how **providers** deliver supports.

Providers deliver NDIS support to participants.

The new NDIS laws will change how we manage **fraud**.

Fraud is when someone does something that is not honest on purpose.

Fraud is a crime.

The new NDIS laws will change how NDIS prices are decided.

You will still have **plan reassessments**.

A plan reassessment is when we check if the supports in your plan still work well for you.

Your NDIS plan might still change after a plan reassessment.

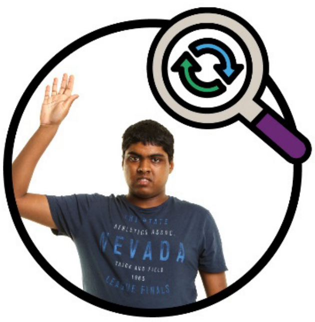
This might not be about the new NDIS laws.

What will change

The first changes

The Governor General needs to sign the new NDIS laws.

The first changes will happen **7 days after** they sign the laws.



The rules about who can ask for a plan reassessment will change.

This will only include:

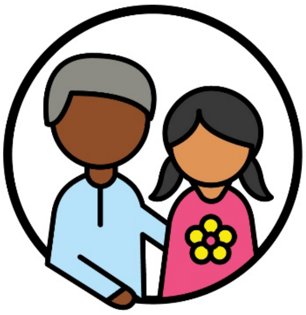
- you

- your **nominee**

- your **child representative**.

Your nominee is someone you choose to:

- make decisions for you
- do things for you that you can't do on your own.



A child representative is an adult who makes decisions about the NDIS for a child participant.

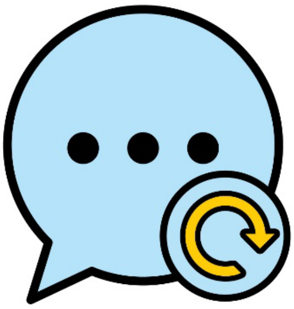
We will only do a plan reassessment when there are big changes to:

- your life
- the support you need.

There will be new rules about what records you need to keep.

You will need to keep records for **3 years**.

Your nominee will need to keep records for **5 years**.

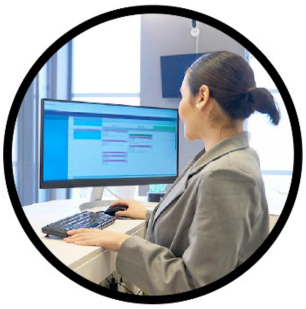


The words ‘functional capacity’ will have a new meaning.

The new NDIS laws also change:

- how we protect participants

- what we can do when providers are not doing the right thing

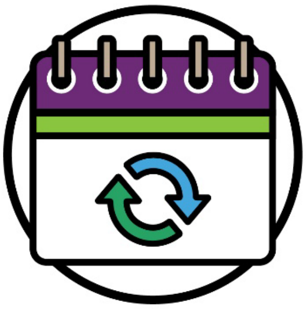


- the way we use computers to do some of our work

- what some **registered providers** need to do

A registered provider:

- provides supports to participants
- must follow rules from the NDIS.



We will let you know when we will make these changes.

Changes in October 2026

We will start giving less funding for some supports in **October 2026**.

This includes funding for:

- supports to take part in the community
- supports to build everyday skills.

This change will only happen when we do plan reassessments.

We will create a new way to change NDIS plans for people who need:

- a lot of support
- support at all times of the day.

We will also share clear guidelines about when your NDIS plan can go on hold.

Changes in December 2026

The rules about making **claims** will change in **December 2026**.

When you make a claim, you ask the NDIS to pay for a support.

You will have to make claims **within 90 days** of getting an NDIS support.

Changes in February 2027

Plan renewals will start in **February 2027**.

Plan renewals are a new way to create a new NDIS plan that is the same as your old plan.

Any funding you did not spend from your old NDIS plan will not go into your new plan.

We will change how we decide what supports are:

- reasonable – they are fair
- necessary – you need them.

We will have clear guidelines about what parents of children with disability:

- need to do themselves

- can get NDIS support for.

These changes will only start when you get a new NDIS plan.

Changes in April 2027

In **April 2027** we will start using the new way of making NDIS plans.

It will take us about **4 years** for all participants to use the new way.

We will let you know when you have to start using the new way of making NDIS plans.

Changes in January 2028

We will start changing how new people join the NDIS.

We will look at how a person's disability affects their daily life.

We have a new team called the Technical Advisory Group.

In this newsletter we call them the Group.

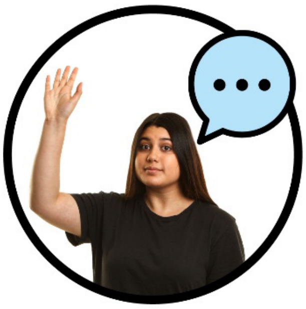
The Group will:

- give advice about checking if someone can take part in the NDIS.

- ask people in the community for their ideas.

Have your say

The NDIS is changing in different ways.



We want to know what changes you want to hear more about.

This includes the new NDIS laws.

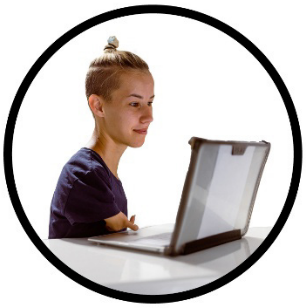
We also want to know:

- what type of information is most useful to you

- what changes we need to explain better.

What you tell us will help make our information:

- clearer
- more useful.



You can have your say on the NDIS Engage website.

https://engage.ndis.gov.au/projects/tell-us-what-you-want-to-know-about-ndis-reforms

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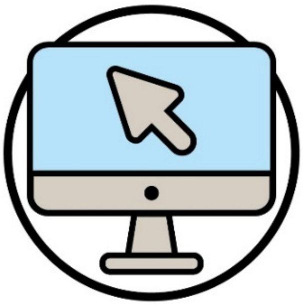

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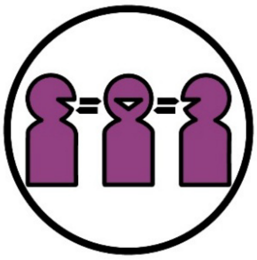

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Speak and Listen

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Word list

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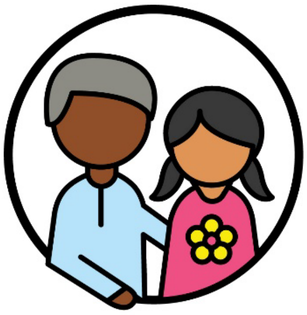

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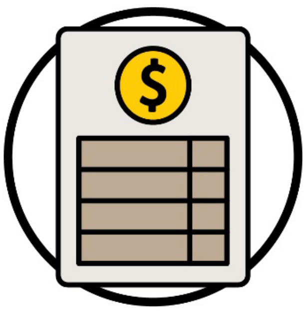

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