The NDIS is being introduced progressively around Australia from 1 July 2016. To participate in the NDIS right now, you must live in an area where the NDIS is currently available. In some of these areas, you also need to be a certain age.

You may meet the access requirements up to six months prior to the NDIS rolling out in your area.

How people will join the NDIS has been agreed by Commonwealth and State / Territory governments.

If you already receive supports from a State or Territory government disability program, you will receive a letter and a phone call from an NDIS representative when it is time to transition to the NDIS.

Until you have transitioned to the NDIS and have an NDIS plan, your existing supports and services will continue.

To become an NDIS participant you will need to meet the age, residency and disability or early intervention access requirements. In some States and Territories people currently receiving supports will be moving to the NDIS first.

To see if you might meet the access requirements, use the NDIS Access Checklist on the website.

For some people already receiving supports from State and Territory disability programs, evidence of your disability may not be needed. This is because some State and Territory programs have the same eligibility criteria as the NDIS.

To allow the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to determine whether you meet the disability or early intervention access requirements, you may need to provide us with evidence of your disability. This includes information on what your disability is, how long it will last and its impact on your life.

For people with hearing or speech loss
TTY: 1800 555 677
Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727

For people who need help with English
TIS: 131 450