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The money in a participant's plan is called NDIS funding.

The funding amount in your plan depends on the evidence you give us, your NDIS supports and your situation.

We also look at data about other participants with similar circumstances.

We use all this information to decide how much funding you need in your plan to buy NDIS supports.

What NDIS funding is for

Our rules say what NDIS funding can be used for. The things you can use your NDIS funding for are called NDIS supports.

NDIS funding can be used to pay providers and buy NDIS supports if they are related to your disability and are in-line with your plan.

The funding in your NDIS plan is split into 4 different support budgets that can help you work towards different goals.

You may not have NDIS funding in all 4 support budgets in your plan. This is because everyone has different needs.

Your funding might cover things like:

- help with household tasks
- help with personal care
- assistive technology, such as home modifications or mobility equipment
- therapeutic supports.

Get to know the support budgets and categories

Learn more about support budgets and categories in your plan:

- Guide to the support budgets
- What are core supports
- What are capital supports
- What are capacity building supports
- What are recurring supports

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You'll be able to see the NDIS funding available in your plan in:

- the participant portals
- the my NDIS app.

Funding amounts, components and periods

New NDIS plans show total funding amounts, funding component amounts and funding periods.

Total funding amounts

This shows the total amount of funds allocated to all reasonable and necessary supports over the length of your plan.

Funding components

Your total funding amount will be divided into funding components. These components can be core, capacity building, capital or recurring support budgets.

Each component has an allocated amount that can be used to purchase supports covered under that component.

Funding periods

The total amount for each funding component will be made available to you in specific time intervals. We call these funding periods.

Each funding component has its own funding periods.

Funding periods will usually be 3 months.

Funding periods help you to:

- manage your funding over the length of your plan
- avoid running out of funding too early.

Funding periods help give you flexibility and manage your budget. They don’t change the total funding amount in your plan. They only change when you can access your funds.

It’s important to carefully manage your funding in line with the total funding amount of your plan. This includes making sure supports claimed are in line with the funding available for each funding period.

Once all funds in a funding period are used, no further claims can be paid until funds are available in the next funding period of your plan.

Your funding must be spent within the current plan. Any unused funding won’t roll over to a new plan.

Using funding flexibly over funding periods

Your support needs may change and won’t always line up with your funding periods.

You have the option to use your funding flexibly over funding periods in the same plan, if you need to. You might still be able to claim for an NDIS support, if you need more supports than expected in a funding period. This means you’ll have less funding for supports in the next funding period.

You can claim for your NDIS support in your next funding period if:

- you have enough funding to cover the supports needed for that period and in the rest of your plan
- you and your providers agree to claim in the next funding period
- your provider agrees to wait for their payment until your next funding period.

Funding will roll over to the next funding period within the same plan if you don’t use all your funding in a funding period.

Delaying claims

You may choose to delay your claim until the next funding period. Delaying claims will reduce the amount of funding you have to use in that funding period. Make sure you submit your claim within the required timeframe after receiving the support.

If you claim from the next funding period, you should:

- review your service agreement and delivery schedule with your providers

- adjust the service agreement or delivery schedule to make sure you can cover your supports until the end of your plan.

You can’t claim more than the total funding amount in your plan.

You may need to pay for supports yourself if they aren’t funded in your plan.

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Guide to NDIS support budgets

New way of planning

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