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What NDIS supports are

NDIS laws tell us what services, items and equipment the NDIS can fund.

We call these services, items and equipment NDIS supports.

What NDIS supports are for

NDIS supports help you have the same things in life as people without disability and help you work towards your goals.

They can help you to:

- complete daily living activities
- build independence and skills
- buy assistive technologies, equipment and home or vehicle modifications
- pay for capital costs, like specialist disability accommodation.

What NDIS supports are like

There are 2 lists that explain what are and aren't NDIS supports.

The lists help you understand what you can and can't pay for with NDIS funding so you can use your NDIS funds in the right way.

Supports that are NDIS supports

This list includes the items and services that you can purchase with your NDIS funding.

Download the list:

- Supports that are NDIS supports (PDF 389KB)

- Supports that are NDIS supports (DOCX 298KB)
- Supports that are NDIS supports in Easy Read (PDF 5MB)

You'll receive a plan that includes funding for NDIS supports if you meet the disability or early intervention requirements, or both.

You can only use the funding in your plan for items that are:

- NDIS supports
- related to your disability
- in-line with your plan.

There are 37 categories of goods and services in this list.

A support must be in one of these categories and in line with the overarching description to be an NDIS support. It doesn't need to be listed as a specific example. It must not appear on the supports that aren't NDIS supports list.

The categories are general, so you have flexibility to choose the exact item or provider you want to use your funding for.

> **Tip: If an item you want isn't on this list.**
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> We can fund supports that aren't NDIS supports in some situations. We call these replacement supports. You need to apply and be approved to use your NDIS funding for a replacement support.

Supports that are not NDIS supports

When we create NDIS plans we don't include funding for things that aren't NDIS supports.

NDIS funding can't be spent on anything that isn't an NDIS support.

Download the list:

- Supports that are not NDIS supports (PDF 375KB)
- Supports that are not NDIS supports (DOCX 291KB)
- Supports that are not NDIS supports in Easy Read (PDF 4MB)

This list tells you what you can't spend NDIS funding on. This includes things that:

- relate to your day-to-day living costs
- are illegal
- another government system or community service should fund
- are sexual services, sex work, alcohol or drugs.

There are 15 categories of goods and services on the supports that are not NDIS supports list.

It doesn't mean it's an NDIS support, if a support isn't in one of these categories.

We might ask you to pay NDIS funding back if you use it for things that aren't NDIS supports and aren't in line with your NDIS plan.

> **Tip: Need help to use your NDIS funding confidently?**
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> You can ask your my NDIS contact for a plan implementation meeting.
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> We can explain anything that's unclear about using your plan or your NDIS supports.

Our Guidelines

Mainstream and community supports

Download the mainstream and community supports overview guideline:

- Mainstream and community supports overview guideline (PDF 168KB)
- Mainstream and community supports overview guideline (DOCX 73KB)

Social and recreational supports

Download the social and recreational supports guideline:

- Social and recreational supports guideline (PDF 188KB)
- Social and recreational supports guideline (DOCX 68KB)

Behaviour support

Download the behavioural support guideline:

- Behaviour support guideline (PDF 292KB)
- Behaviour support guideline (DOCX 152KB)

Video

How to – understanding your current NDIS supports

Learn about how the NDIS works with your existing supports in this video.

Transcript for 'How to – understanding your current NDIS supports '

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What are your responsibilities

What is an NDIS plan

What is a plan implementation meeting

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