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An assistance animal assessment looks at how an assistance animal will help you with your disability support needs.

The assessment is completed by an assistive technology assessor of assistance animal supports.

What an assistance animal assessment is for

We only fund assistance animals if they meet our funding criteria, like all NDIS supports.

The information your assessment provides helps us decide if:

- the assistance animal will support your needs
- it meets our NDIS funding criteria.

We only fund an assistance animal if it's effective and beneficial based on evidence and is value for money.

We also need to make sure it meets the definition of an assistance animal. We'll check if the assistance animal has passed the public access test so we know if it'll be able to support you in the community.

Learn more about how to ask for funding for assistance animals.

What an assistance animal assessment is like

We have a template to help with assistance animal assessments.

Your assessor doesn't have to use the assessment template, but the evidence you provide must include all the information the template asks for.

Assistance animal assessment template

Download the assistance animal assessment template:

- Assistance animal assessment template (DOCX 80.31KB)

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