On 19 August 2026, the Australian Parliament passed the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026.

This means there are some changes coming to the NDIS to secure it for the long term. These include who can access the NDIS, how plans are managed, how funding is used and how providers operate.

The Governor General signed the new laws on Thursday 20 August. Some changes are now in effect.

If a change affects you, we'll let you know what's happening and when and make sure you have the information and support you need.

Right now, you can continue using your plan and supports as usual.

Learn more about what the NDIS laws mean in this video or watch our Auslan video:

Transcript for 'What do the new NDIS laws mean'

Changes now in effect

Plan reassessments

Changes have been made to when and how participants can ask for plan reassessments, before their scheduled reassessment date.

Only participants, plan nominees or child representatives are now able to ask for this type of plan reassessment.

Participants will still be able to ask for a plan reassessment before their reassessment date when there's a significant and ongoing change to:

- their functional capacity and support needs
- their living, education, work or informal support arrangements.

We'll have 90 days to decide whether or not to reassess a plan once we receive a request.

Participants can still ask for plan changes, including short-term or urgent changes, through plan variations.

Learn more about plan reassessments.

NDIS pricing decisions

The Minister for Disability and the NDIS will have the power to make a pricing determination for NDIS supports. The determination will set out the maximum amounts for NDIS supports.

The NDIA will be responsible for providing advice to the Minister for the purpose of making a pricing determination. This will be done through the existing Annual Pricing Review process.

There are no immediate changes to NDIS pricing. Providers can continue to follow the current pricing arrangements.

Changes coming soon

The new laws support a range of reforms that will be introduced over time. We'll provide you with information about any changes and the support available to help participants understand them.

Record keeping requirements

Changes will be made to how long participants, providers and nominees must keep records of supports and payments.

Those periods are:

- 3 years for participants
- 5 years for nominees
- 7 years for providers.

This helps us make sure claims and payments can be checked and made correctly.

More information will be provided to explain what records you need to keep and how to meet the requirements.

It's important to keep records as you may need to repay funding if you can't show the NDIS funding was used correctly.

Learn more about participant responsibilities or provider record keeping requirements.

Information gathering powers and civil penalties

We know the vast majority of participants and providers do the right thing and use NDIS funding appropriately.

To help protect participants and the Scheme we'll have stronger compliance, enforcement and information gathering powers. These powers will mean we can better tackle fraud and non-compliance and respond faster to suspicious behaviour.

Participants and providers may need to give us information when we ask for it to help us make sure NDIS funding is being used appropriately.

We may issue a penalty if providers don't comply with certain requirements under the NDIS laws, like providing information. This helps protect the participants and make sure NDIS funding is used correctly.

Automated administrative action

Computer systems can be used to automate some administrative actions, including claims and payment processing.

Oversight and safeguards will apply to all automated actions.

People will continue to make decisions that are complex, discretionary, or require judgement, such as on plans.

We must publish details of how and where automated systems are used, helping ensure transparency and accountability.

Changes from October 2026

Support budget reductions

Support budgets for social, economic and community participation supports and improved daily living skills will be reduced as participants' plans are reassessed or renewed.

These changes will not impact funding for:

- help with eating and drinking
- education supports
- employment supports
- disability related health supports.

Support budgets will be reduced over a 12-month period:

- from 1 October 2026 when a plan is reassessed or a new plan is approved
- from 1 February 2027 when a plan is renewed.

A new plan variation pathway will be created for high support needs participants who require 24-hour disability support. These participants will be able to apply for a plan variation within 90 days of a support determination applying to them.

If needed, we can increase funding through a plan variation to make sure they can continue to receive the supports that help keep them safe at home.

All participants can continue to request a change to their plan where there is a significant change in their functional capacity or circumstances.

In the meantime, plans may go up and down as participants' needs change over time. This is not related to the reform changes.

Plan suspensions

From 1 October, we have the ability to suspend plans if a participant doesn't respond to requests for information.

This will only happen after we have made reasonable attempts to contact you and ask for the information. By 'reasonable attempts', we mean attempting to contact you, your nominee or authorised representative at least 5 times over an 3-4 month period, using your preferred contact method.

Changes from December 2026

Claiming timeframes

Claims must be submitted within 90 days of delivering a support.

Changes from February 2027

Plan renewals

When a plan is due to be reassessed, it will either be reassessed by an NDIA planner or a new plan will be created with the same supports as in the old plan.

This is called a 'plan renewal' and it will replace the process of 'plan continuations,' which we do for many participants.

Unspent funds from the previous plan won't be carried over.

Reasonable and necessary supports

We'll have new criteria to consider when we decide what are reasonable and necessary supports to fund in new participants' plans.

There'll be clearer guidelines around what a parent is expected to provide for a child with disability, including supervision, personal care, transport, emotional support and behavioural support.

This doesn't include the additional support a child needs due to their disability compared to children of a similar age without disability.

These new criteria will be progressively applied to current participants when it is time for their plan to be reassessed.

Changes from April 2027

We'll begin introducing the new way of planning.

We'll share more information with participants before they move to the new process.

Changes from July 2027

We'll expand mandatory registration requirements for some providers.

This will impact providers who deliver personal care and daily living supports and supports provided in closed settings.

Changes from October 2027

A trusted panel of plan management providers will be established.

Participants will be supported to transition to a provider on the panel over 6 months.

Changes from January 2028

Access changes begin for new applicants to the NDIS, with existing participants reassessed over 3 years. The changes include:

- eligibility decisions based on a new standardised, evidence-based assessment of functional capacity as informed by the Technical Advisory Group
- more consistent assessment of permanence and whether an impairment can be alleviated or treated
- more consistent assessment of access to other compensation schemes.

Changes from July 2028

There will be a new commissioned support co-ordination and connection function.

Download resources

Download the timeline:

- Legislation changes timeline for participants (PDF 245KB)
- Legislation changes timeline for providers (PDF 236KB)

Download information about the new NDIS laws in Easy Read:

- About the new NDIS laws in Easy Read (PDF 6MB)

Ongoing consultation

There will be community consultation on:

- the design of a commissioning approach for home and living supports for supported independent living (SIL) participants who need 24/7 support to make sure participants get the best supports and address provider viability challenges
- expanding differentiated pricing for unregistered providers
- the design of the Inclusive Communities Fund
- market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities to make sure genuinely inclusive activities are available in the market
- updated rules for our new way of planning
- a new eligibility process to determine access to the NDIS.

Learn more about upcoming consultation opportunities .

Watch our Auslan video:

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