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The NDIA has joined the Collaborative Partnership to improve work participation, a national alliance with a shared focus on improving work participation for people living with disability.

Working across government, profit and not for profit organisations, the Collaborative Partnership engages employers, employees, health professionals and industry leaders to develop innovative solutions, which create greater opportunities for people with disability to achieve social and economic independence.

The NDIA's role in the Partnership is a further commitment to our NDIS Participant Employment Strategy, released in November 2019.

At the end of December last year, 22 per cent of NDIS participants aged 15 and over were in paid work. Our goal is to have 30 per cent of working age participants in paid employment by 2023.

Having a job benefits all people. It expands social networks, increases community connections and financial independence, improves health and wellbeing, and promotes a stronger sense of identity and self-worth.

The Collaborative Partnership was established in 2017, and is the first of its kind in a joint program of research and projects to improve work participation for insurance recipients.

The NDIA joins the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the Department of Social Services, Comcare, the Insurance Council of Australia, the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, EML, and the Australian Council of Trade Unions in the Partnership.

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