

Managing your own funding

What is our policy about?

Easy Read fact sheet



How to use this fact sheet



The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) wrote this fact sheet. When you see the word 'we', it means the NDIA.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these bold words mean.



This Easy Read fact sheet is a summary of another policy. This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other policy on our website.

www.ndis.gov.au



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

Who can manage their own funding?



Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



Each participant gets **funding**.

Funding is money that pays for the supports and services you need.



When you join the NDIS, you can choose who will manage your funding.



You can choose to manage your funding yourself.
We call this self-management.

You can also choose to have someone else manage your funding for you, such as:



- the NDIA



- a plan manager.



Or you can choose a combination of these options.

For example, you might manage part of your funding yourself.

And you might get the NDIA to manage the rest of it.



Any participant can choose to manage their own funding.



You can get support to do this.



But some participants can't make decisions on their own.

So someone else might help manage their funding for them.

They might be a:



- nominee



- child representative – for someone under 18 years old.



They can both make decisions for participants.

What are our goals?



We want you to know you can choose to manage your own funding.

This includes knowing what options can suit your needs.



We want you to get support to decide if managing your own funding is right for you.

When you choose to manage your own funding, we want you to understand:



- how it works



- what you must do



- what risks there might be



- how we will keep you safe.



We also want the people who support you to understand these things.



We want you to get the support you need to manage your own funding.

What do we explain in our policy?



We wrote a **policy** about managing your own funding.



A policy is a plan for how we should do things.

In our policy we explain how you can:



- manage your own plan



- change how you manage your plan.

We also explain how we:



- support you to manage your own plan



- decide if participants can't manage their own plans.

And our policy includes:



- what you must do when you manage your own plan



- how we support you to follow these rules



- what we do if people do the wrong thing.



You can find our policy on our website.

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We also wrote an Easy Read guide to our policy.

More information

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