# Transcript – About the NDIS (Auslan)

SPEAKER 1: What is the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: ‘N’ is for National

'D' is for Disability

'I' is for Insurance

'S' is for Scheme

Which is shortened to and also known as the 'NDIS'.

It is the new way of providing support to Australians with disability, their families and carers.

SPEAKER 1: Does this mean everyone in Australia who has a disability will have access to NDIS funding?

SPEAKER 2: No.

The NDIS will support Australians under the age of 65 with disability.

SPEAKER 1: People up to the age of 65 are eligible and those who are over the age of 65 are not able to have access?

SPEAKER 2: Yes, that is correct.

The NDIS is for people who have a permanent and significant disability who face many barriers in their everyday life.

The NDIS will fund for necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.

SPEAKER 1: This will help us enjoy life.

SPEAKER 2: Yes, that's right.

The NDIS will help people with disability achieve their goals,

SPEAKER 1: What kind of goals can NDIS help me achieve?

SPEAKER 2: For example – doing things you’ve wanted to do, community involvement with the access you need, employment access, and also having access to health service, and wellbeing.

SPEAKER 1: This means I will be more independent and also will be able to be involved in things I enjoy without barriers.

SPEAKER 2: As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life.

SPEAKER 1: This means I won’t get the full funding until I have made a plan and list what goals I want to achieve?

SPEAKER 2: Yes that's right.

The NDIS also provides people with disability, their families and carer with information and referrals to existing support services in the community.

SPEAKER 1: That’s great! How many Australians will receive the NDIS funding?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIS will support about 460,000 Australians with disability.

SPEAKER 1: Why do we need the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: People with disability have the same right as other Australians to decide their best interests and to have choice and control over their lives.

SPEAKER 1: This means the choice is mine and I can decide what I need the fundings for?

SPEAKER 2: Yes, absolutely.

The NDIS recognises that everyone's needs and goals are different.

SPEAKER 2: There are many individuals with different goals. Is the NDIS flexible with everyone?

Yes, the NDIS provides people with individualised support and the flexibility to manage their supports to help them achieve their goals and enjoy an ordinary life.

SPEAKER 1: What was the reason for the set up of the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: The previous disability support funding was unfair and inefficient.

The NDIS is a new, national system that is world-leading, equitable and sustainable.

SPEAKER 1: Does this mean people with disability can be assured about their future plans with the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: Yes, the NDIS provides certainty and consistency for people with disability, their families and carers.

Australians will now have peace of mind that if their child or loved one is born with or acquires a significant disability that is likely to be with them for life they will get the support they need, when they need it.

SPEAKER 1: Can I access the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: To become an NDIS participant a person must:

* Have a permanent disability which will never change or get better over time that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities;
* be aged less than 65 when they first enter the NDIS;
* be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa and live in Australia where the NDIS is available.

The NDIS is being introduced gradually around Australia from 1 July 2016.

SPEAKER 1: What happens to those who do not meet the requirement or are over the age of 65?

SPEAKER 2: You can still contact the NDIS and receive advice from them.

SPEAKER 1: Apart from those who are able to take part in the NDIS, are those who do not meet the requirement able to receive information from the NDIS including their families, carers about disability and mainstream supports in their community.

SPEAKER 2: Yes, that's correct.

Contact the NDIS or have a look at their website, the NDIS will support you and connect you to the right disability service provider.

SPEAKER 1: When will the NDIS be available in my area?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIS began in a number of trial sites around Australia from July 2013.

From 1 July 2016, the NDIS will be rolled out gradually around the rest of Australia

SPEAKER 1: How come the NDIS did not roll out at the same time?

The NDIS is being introduced in stages to ensure it is successful and sustainable.

SPEAKER 1: What else will I need to know and when can I join the NDIS?

SPEAKER 2: It depends on two things:

1. Where you live and
2. What type of support you currently receive.

In some states and territories, the NDIS will be rolled out by area while in others people will enter by age groups.

To find out when the NDIS is coming to your area visit their website or contact them.

SPEAKER 1: Why is the NDIS an insurance scheme?

SPEAKER 2: As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, providing lifetime support to people with disability early on to improve their outcomes later in life.

SPEAKER 1: This means later in their life, they will be able to achieve their own goals.

SPEAKER 1: What is an NDIS provider?

SPEAKER 2: NDIS providers are individuals or organisations that deliver a support service or product to NDIS participants.

Each NDIS participant has their own plan that lists the goals they want to achieve and the supports the NDIS will fund to help them do this.

The participant then chooses which provider to purchase supports from.

SPEAKER 1: So people can register to work under the NDIS as a service provider?

For example, I want to work and provide support to a deafblind person who has NDIS funding, how do I register as a NDIS provider?

SPEAKER 2: To find out how to register as an NDIS provider visit www.ndis.gov.au/provider.

There will be full information about how you can register as a NDIS provider.

SPEAKER 1: What is NDIA?

SPEAKER 2: 'N' is for National

'D' is for Disability

'I' is for Insurance

'A' is for Agency

The NDIA is the independent Commonwealth agency responsible for implementing the NDIS.

SPEAKER 1: What exactly does NDIA do?

SPEAKER 2: The NDIA helps empower and inform both service providers and people with disability.

NDIA will provide service providers with clarity and transparency so they can grow their business and respond to need.

People with disabilities will be supported to be confident to pick suitable service providers.

SPEAKER 1: NDIA is an overarching body that provides information and referrals and links to services.

SPEAKER 2: Yes, that is right.

If you want more information, look up the NDIS website or contact them.