# Independent Assessment Pilot

Help shape the future of the NDIS

## What is the Independent Assessment Pilot?

The pilot uses qualified professionals experienced in disability to carry out standardised functional capacity assessments for current NDIS participants.

## Why is the pilot happening?

Participants have told the NDIA that they want the NDIS to be equitable, consistent and focussed on their needs.

We are piloting the use of skilled independent assessors to help make planning decisions more equitable and consistent for everyone.

## How is the pilot different to the usual NDIS planning process?

Pilot participants will continue with the steps that all participants take, but they will undertake an observation session and a voluntary assessment with their parent/legal guardian or representative to help support their planning outcome.

## Why participate?

* Assessments are offered free of charge and will help inform what supports are included in your plan.
* Standardised assessment tools will capture consistent information to ensure an equitable plan outcome.
* Participants’ feedback on the pilot will help shape future improvements made to the NDIS planning process.

## Who is the pilot for?

* Participants with all types of disability.
* Participants of all ages who are available or have a parent/legal guardian or representative available to help complete the assessments.
* Participants who live in the Nepean Blue Mountains, Northern Sydney, Western Sydney, Southern NSW and Illawarra-Shoalhaven in NSW.
* Participants approaching their scheduled plan review.

## For more information

Visit the NDIS website: ndis.gov.au/participants/iap

Email the team: [assessments@ndis.gov.au](mailto:assessments@ndis.gov.au)

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