

# Compensation

## Information about a Compensation Reduction Amount

Easy Read version



## 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 have written this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

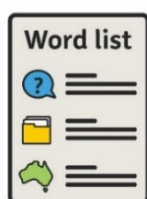
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

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We have written some words in **bold**.

**Bold**

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 13.



This Easy Read fact sheet is a summary of another guide.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website at [www.ndis.gov.au](http://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.

## What is a Compensation Reduction Amount?



**Compensation** is a payment you get because something happened to change how you live your life.



For example, you might have been hurt in a:

- car accident
- public place.



How much compensation you get depends on how much your injury changes your life.



We need to know about your compensation so your plan pays for the right supports and services.



If your compensation pays for supports and services that are in your plan, we might need to take some funding out of your plan.



The amount we take out is called a **Compensation Reduction Amount.**

## When do we work out a Compensation Reduction Amount?



Your plan should only pay for supports you can't get anywhere else, such as from:

- compensation
- family and friends.



Your plan won't pay for supports and services your compensation:

- already pays for
- should pay for.



We only work out a Compensation Reduction Amount when compensation pays for supports and services that are in your plan.

## How do we work out a Compensation Reduction Amount?



We might ask you to fill out a Compensation Information Form.



This form includes questions about:

- what happened to you
- your compensation.



We might need more information about your compensation.

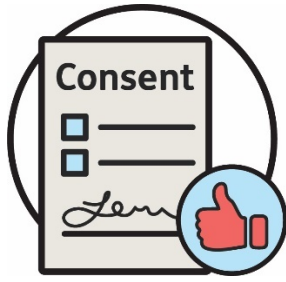


This could include:

- court documents
- **settlement** documents.



A settlement is a type of compensation payment.



We will ask for your **consent** if we need to talk to anyone about your compensation.



When you give consent, you say it is ok for someone to do something.



We will only use this information to work out your Compensation Reduction Amount.



We will keep your information private.

## How does a Compensation Reduction Amount change your plan?



Your plan won't change until we have all the information we need about your compensation.



Usually we won't change your plan until your next plan review.



This means you can keep using the plan you have now in the same way.



We won't just change your plan for 1 year.



We will spread your Compensation Reduction Amount across your future plans.

Before we change your plan, we will tell you:



- what your Compensation Reduction Amount is



- how long it will be in your plan.



## What if you aren't happy with our decision?



If you don't agree with our decision about your Compensation Reduction Amount, you can ask us to review your plan.



You need to ask us within 3 months of hearing what our decision is.



If you still don't agree with our decision, you can ask the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) to look at it.



You can contact them on their website at

[www.aat.gov.au](http://www.aat.gov.au)

## What if something changes?



If you think that your life has changed a lot, you can ask us to review your plan.



We might ask you:

- for more information
- to prove how much your life has changed.



If we review your plan, we might change your Compensation Reduction Amount.



You can contact us if you want:

- more information
- us to review your plan.

## More information



You can find out more about compensation and your plan on our website at [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)



If you would like more information about what is in this fact sheet, you can contact us.



[www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)



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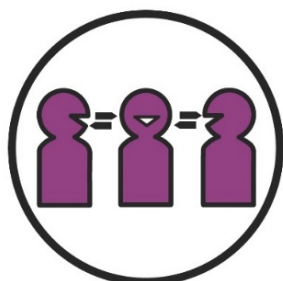


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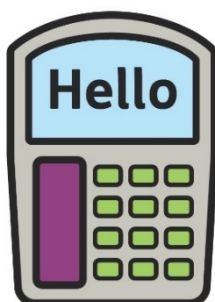
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**1800 555 727**



National Relay Service

**133 677**

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## Word list



### **Compensation**

Compensation is a payment you get because something happened to change how you live your life.



### **Compensation Reduction Amount**

If your compensation pays for supports and services that are in your plan, we might need to take some funding out of your plan.

The amount of funding we reduce is called a **Compensation Reduction Amount**.



### **Consent**

When you give consent, you say it is ok for someone to do something.



### **Settlement**

A settlement is a type of compensation payment.



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