# How the NDIS will work in Tasmania

# Overview for applicants and participants

## Make connections

NDIS partners can help connect people with disability and families with concerns about their child’s development, to community and mainstream services.   
Local area coordinators can help people with disability aged 7-64 with a Community Connections plan, if they want one.

Early childhood partners can help children younger than 7 with early connections.

NDIS partners can also help people who think they may be eligible for the NDIS to learn more about the access process.

## Apply to the NDIS

NDIS partners will help you prepare your application and guide you on the information and evidence needed to apply.

The NDIS provides decisions on applications in 21 days.

If you’re not eligible for the NDIS, we will help connect you to community programs and mainstream services in your area.

## Create your NDIS plan

Participants will meet with the NDIA planner who approves their plan.

The planner will talk with the participant about their living situation, goals and day-to-day supports.

Planners will check they have a good understanding of the participant’s situation to make sure the supports in the plan fit together and explain the decisions they’ve made.

If a plan needs changes, planners will work with participants on the best way to do this. New plans for existing participants will be based on their current plan budget.

## Use your NDIS plan

NDIS plans will be longer, up to 3 years, except for children younger than 7.

NDIS partners will help you to make the most of your NDIS plan to pursue your goals and achieve outcomes.

More resources and tools on the NDIS website will help you use your plan.

## Check-ins

We will check in with you to make sure your NDIS plan is still meeting your support needs or if it needs to be changed.

Having a check-in doesn’t mean your plan needs to be changed. If your plan is working for you, no changes will be needed. This is a good outcome because it means you have the right services and supports in place to pursue your goals. You can ask for your plan to be changed at any time.

## Changing your plan

Sometimes you might need more, less or different supports.

If your plan needs to be changed, we will work with you to change it based on the information and evidence you give us.

Small changes can be made without the need to build a new plan.

Bigger changes mean we will need to build you a new plan.

If your plan is due to end, we will contact you to let you know what to expect in a plan reassessment and to help you prepare.