Funding changes to NDIS supports

Information for participants with high support needs

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How to use this document

We are the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

We wrote this document.

We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page 15.

You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.

This is an Easy Read summary of a document.

It only includes the most important ideas.

You can find the other document on our website.

www.ndis.gov.au/news/11695-changes-support-budgets-1-october

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About this document

The Australian Government is changing parts of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

These changes will start on **1 October 2026**.

The changes will affect **funding** for some types of supports.

Funding is money from your **NDIS plan** that pays for the supports you need.

Your NDIS plan has information about:

- you and your goals
- what supports you need
- what the NDIS will pay for.

What is changing?

There will be changes to how much funding **participants** can get for support to:

- take part in their community

- learn to do more things for themselves in their everyday life.

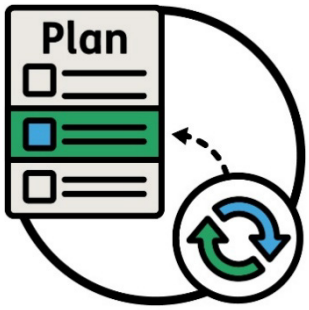
Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.

You might get less funding if you have these supports in your NDIS plan.

Your funding for these supports will change when you:

- get a new NDIS plan
- have a **plan reassessment**.

A plan reassessment is when we check if the supports in your plan still work well for you.



There will also be a new way to get a **plan variation**.

A plan variation is when the NDIA changes some parts of a person's NDIS plan.

We explain the new plan variation more over the following pages.

You can also learn more about these changes on our website.

www.ndis.gov.au/news/11695-changes-support-budgets-1-october

Who is the new plan variation for?

You can only get the new plan variation if you have **high support needs**.

High support needs means you need a lot of support all the time.

You also must have funding for 24 hour NDIS supports in your NDIS plan.

This includes supports you:

- share with other participants

- use on your own

- use overnight.

You must have **$215,030 or more** for funding across **3** support categories.

The support categories are:

- Assistance with Daily Life

- Home and Living

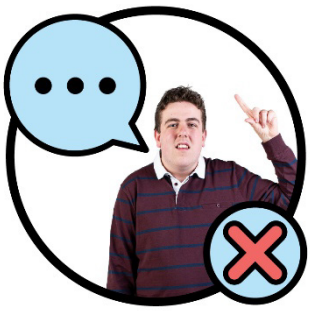
and

- Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation.

You must get this funding for 24 hour NDIS supports that you need for your disability.

How will the new plan variation work?

You must ask for a plan variation within **90 days** of getting your new NDIS plan.



You cannot ask for a plan variation before you get your new plan.

Only you or your **nominee** can ask for a plan variation.

Your nominee is someone you choose to:

- make decisions for you
- do things for you that you cannot do on your own.

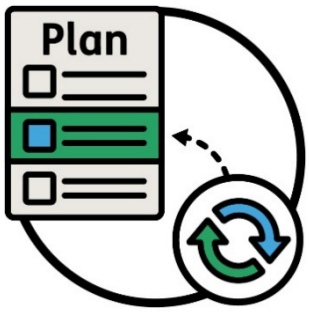
You can also get support from another person when you ask for a plan variation.

For example, a support worker.

We cannot ask for a plan variation for you.

Once you ask, we will have **21 days** to decide if you have high support needs.

We will then have **another 21 days** to:

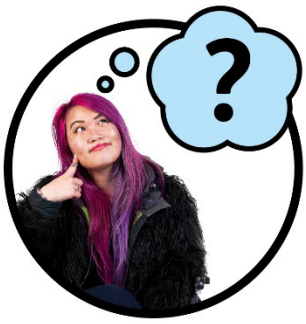


- decide if you need a plan variation

- tell you if we need more time to decide.

You can ask to check our decision if we decide not to give you a plan variation.

Who can you ask about these changes?



You might have questions about these changes.

You can call us.

1800 800 110

You can call First Nations Connect.

1800 411 640

You can also contact your:

- my NDIS contact
- **support coordinator**.

A support coordinator is someone who helps a person with disability plan and use their supports.

Contact us

You can visit our website.

www.ndis.gov.au

You can call us.

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Support to talk to us

You can talk to us online using our webchat feature at the top of our website.

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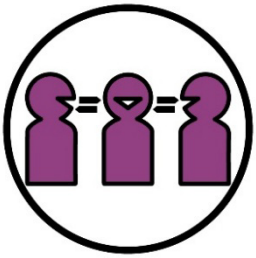
If you speak a language other than English, you can call:



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If you have a speech or hearing impairment, you can call:

TTY (Speak and Read)

1800 555 677

Speak and Listen

1800 555 727

National Relay Service

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www.accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.

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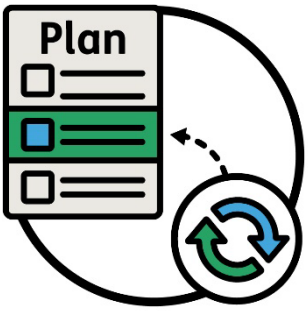

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Support coordinator

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