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The assessment collects information from you and your treating health professional. It describes your situation and explains why your plan needs to include these types of products and supports to help you manage:

- food preparation
- food substitutes such as oral nutritional supplements
- equipment
- eating.

The assessment should include information about your condition and treatment. It should also include any functional limitations related to your disability that mean you might need some help to manage your condition.

The assessment should tell us:

- about any assistive technology or products you might have tested
- if they've have been beneficial
- how they're helping you work towards your NDIS goals.

Your treating health professional and assistive technology assessor should tell us about the supports they recommend. They should tell us why and provide evidence to support their suggestions.

> **Tip: Who provides evidence for the assessment?**
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> Your evidence can come from different professionals, depending on the NDIS supports you need. We need evidence from:
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> - an assistive technology assessor for assistive technology
> - a speech pathologist for dysphagia supports
> - your doctor or accredited practising dietitian for nutrition supports.

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We can’t fund supports to treat health conditions. The Australian health system provides health services to everyone for illnesses or chronic health conditions. This includes nutrition and dysphagia.

We may fund disability-related health supports if you need help to manage your nutrition and eating because of your disability. The assessment helps us decide if we can include these supports in your plan. We need information that shows they're:

- related to your disability
- a regular part of your daily life
- suggested with evidence from your treating health professional
- an NDIS support our rules say we can pay for.

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We have a template to help guide the assessment and the information we need.

You don’t have to use the assessment template if you don’t want to, but the evidence you give us must include all the information the template asks for.

Nutrition and dysphagia assistive technology supports assessment template

Download the nutrition and dysphagia assistive technology supports assessment template:

- Nutrition and dysphagia assistive technology assessment template (DOCX 67KB)

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