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Key points

- The test in Tasmania doesn't change the NDIS rules.
- Where we made improvements for the NDIS test in Tasmania, we created specific operational guidelines for Tasmania.

Our guidelines set out some of the NDIA's operational information. They are based on the NDIS Legislation and Rules.

They explain what we need to consider and how we make decisions based on the legislation.

We have updated some of these guidelines to include our new computer system and the improved participant journey for the NDIS test in Tasmania.

New and updated guidelines are on this page. You can find our other [operational guidelines](#) .

You can read the new and updated guidelines for the Tasmania NDIS test below to learn more about:

Becoming a participant

Applying to the NDIS

The requirements you need to meet to be eligible for the NDIS, including age and residence requirements, and disability or early intervention requirements.

- [Applying to the NDIS \(PDF 517KB\)](#)
- [Applying to the NDIS \(DOCX 123KB\)](#)

Leaving the NDIS

The different reasons you might leave the NDIS, and what happens after you leave.

- [Leaving the NDIS \(PDF 289KB\)](#)
- [Leaving the NDIS \(DOCX 91KB\)](#)

How NDIS supports work

Reasonable and necessary supports

The Australian Government made laws about what we can fund under the NDIS.

All supports need to meet the criteria in these laws before we can fund them in your plan. We call these the NDIS funding criteria.

You'll find information about the NDIS funding criteria and how we decide if a support meet the NDIA funding criteria in this guideline.

- [Reasonable and necessary \(PDF 412KB\)](#)
- [Reasonable and necessary \(DOCX 121KB\)](#)

Your privacy and information

Why and how we ask you for information, what we do with it, and how we keep your information safe.

- [Your privacy and information \(PDF 248KB\)](#)
- [Your privacy and information \(DOCX 78KB\)](#)

What principles do we follow to create your plan?

The NDIS was set up as a world first approach to disability support.

It puts people with disability at the centre of decision-making, through the principles of reasonable and necessary supports and individual choice and control.

- [What principles do we follow to create your plan? \(PDF 153KB\)](#)
- [What principles do we follow to create your plan? \(DOCX 66KB\)](#)

Mainstream and community supports

Mainstream supports are the supports you can get from other government funded services, like health, mental health and education.

You'll find information about who is responsible for the supports you need in this guideline.

- [Mainstream and community supports - overview \(PDF 156KB\)](#)
- [Mainstream and community supports - overview \(DOCX 68KB\)](#)
- [Mainstream and community supports - interfaces \(PDF 331KB\)](#)
- [Mainstream and community supports - interfaces \(DOCX 89KB\)](#)

Justice System

If you're involved in the justice system, you have the same rights as anyone to become or remain a NDIS participant.

But there might be some extra things we consider when we work with you to create and review your plan.

- [Justice System \(PDF 216KB\)](#)
- [Justice System \(DOCX 78KB\)](#)

Supports you can access

Equipment and technology

Assistance animals including dog guides

Assistance animals, including dog guides, are animals specially trained to help you do things you can't do because of your disability.

We look at whether the assistance animal is a disability-related support that will help you with your disability support needs and meets our funding criteria.

- [Assistance animals including dog guides \(PDF 363KB\)](#)
- [Assistance animals including dog guides \(DOCX 105KB\)](#)

Assistive technology

Equipment, technology and devices helps to make your life easier and help you do things you can't do because of your disability.

It can help you do something more easily or safely and improve your daily life.

- [Assistive technology \(PDF 281KB\)](#)
- [Assistive technology \(DOCX 100KB\)](#)

Vehicle modifications and driving supports

You may need changes made to a vehicle so you can drive it or travel in it because of your disability.

The vehicle would need to be yours or one you can use regularly.

- [Vehicle modifications and driving supports \(PDF 268KB\)](#)
- [Vehicle modifications and driving supports \(DOCX 87KB\)](#)

Home and living supports

Specialist Disability Accommodation

You might be living with disability and have very high support needs.

This could mean you need to live in a specially designed house. We call this specialist disability accommodation.

- [Specialist Disability Accommodation \(PDF 310KB\)](#)
- [Specialist Disability Accommodation \(DOCX 93KB\)](#)

Supported Independent Living

Supported independent living is one type of support to help you live as independently as possible in your home.

It includes help or supervision with daily tasks, like personal care or cooking meals while building your skills.

- [Supported Independent Living \(PDF 229KB\)](#)
- [Supported Independent Living \(DOCX 81KB\)](#)

Short Term Accommodation or Respite

- [Short Term Accommodation or Respite \(PDF 148KB\)](#)
- [Short Term Accommodation or Respite \(DOCX 56KB\)](#)

Medium term accommodation

We fund medium term accommodation so you have somewhere to live if you can't move into your long term home because your disability supports aren't ready.

To be eligible, you must have a home you'll move into and you need somewhere else to live in the medium-term.

- [Medium term accommodation \(PDF 196KB\)](#)
- [Medium term accommodation \(DOCX 71KB\)](#)

Individualised living options

An individualised living option helps you use your funded supports to live the way that suits you.

It can include things like personal care, help to build your skills, or support with household tasks like shopping or cooking.

- [Individualised living options \(PDF 280KB\)](#)
- [Individualised living options \(DOCX 90KB\)](#)

Younger people in residential aged care

If you're younger than 65 and living in residential aged care, you might be eligible for the NDIS.

We explain what we can fund, and how we can support you to move out of residential aged care if you want to.

- [Younger people in residential aged care \(PDF 200KB\)](#)

- [Younger people in residential aged care \(DOCX 71KB\)](#)

Home modifications

Home modifications are changes to your home that help you manage your disability and make daily tasks easier.

They can be minor or more complex changes and help you safely access or move around your home.

- [Home modifications \(PDF 438KB\)](#)
- [Home modifications \(DOCX 122KB\)](#)

Social and community participation

Community Connections

What do we mean by community connections, what support is available, and how do you get it.

- [Community Connections \(PDF 169KB\)](#)
- [Community Connections \(DOCX 90KB\)](#)

Social and recreation support

If you need extra help to participate in social and recreation activities because of your disability, we may be able to fund this.

- [Social and recreation support \(PDF 170KB\)](#)
- [Social and recreation support \(DOCX 49KB\)](#)

Work and study supports

Work and study can be an important part of life for many people.

There is support available for you to work or study that can help you if you need extra support because of your disability.

- [Work and study supports \(PDF 220KB\)](#)
- [Work and study supports \(DOCX 64KB\)](#)

Disability-related health supports

Disability-related health supports are health supports that relate directly to the functional impact of your disability.

If you need help to manage a health condition because of your disability, we may fund disability-related health supports to help you manage that condition.

- [Disability-related health supports \(PDF 242KB\)](#)
- [Disability-related health supports \(DOCX 82KB\)](#)

Continence Supports

The Australian health system may provide continence supports. We can only fund these supports if they are related to your disability.

- [Continence Supports \(PDF 162KB\)](#)
- [Continence Supports \(DOCX 66KB\)](#)

Diabetes management supports

Diabetes is a health condition which people usually manage with help from their doctor and the health system.

We can only fund diabetes supports if they're related to your disability.

- [Diabetes management supports \(PDF 168KB\)](#)
- [Diabetes management supports \(DOCX 58KB\)](#)

Dysphagia supports

The Australian health system provides treatment for dysphagia for everyone.

We can only fund dysphagia supports if they're related to your disability.

- [Dysphagia supports \(PDF 74KB\)](#)
- [Dysphagia supports \(DOCX 66KB\)](#)

Epilepsy Supports

The Australian health system provides treatment for epilepsy for everyone.

We can only fund epilepsy supports if they're related to your disability.

- [Epilepsy Supports \(PDF 183KB\)](#)
- [Epilepsy Supports \(DOCX 77KB\)](#)

Nutrition supports including meal preparation

Your disability may mean you have trouble preparing food for yourself, eating enough, or understanding the nutrition you need.

We may fund nutrition supports to help with this.

- [Nutrition supports including meal preparation \(PDF 223KB\)](#)
- [Nutrition supports including meal preparation \(DOCX 80KB\)](#)

Podiatry and foot care supports

The Australian health system may provide podiatry and foot care supports.

We can only fund these supports if they're related to your disability.

- [Podiatry and foot care supports \(PDF 54KB\)](#)
- [Podiatry and foot care supports \(DOCX 80KB\)](#)

Wound and Pressure Care Supports

The Australian health system provides treatment of wounds, including wound management to everyone.

We can only fund wound and pressure care supports if they are related to your disability.

- [Wound and Pressure Care Supports \(PDF 170KB\)](#)
- [Wound and Pressure Care Supports \(DOCX 69KB\)](#)

Early Childhood

Early childhood approach

Who can access our early childhood approach and how we work with young children and their families.

- [Early childhood approach \(PDF 199KB\)](#)
- [Early childhood approach \(DOCX 73KB\)](#)

Early Connections

How early childhood partners will help children younger than 7 with delays in their development or with disability get the right supports and services.

- [Early Connections \(PDF 513KB\)](#)
- [Early Connections \(DOCX 513KB\)](#)

Having someone represent you

Child representatives

What is a child representative, who can be one, and what do they do?

- [Child representatives \(PDF 86KB\)](#)
- [Child representatives \(DOCX 248KB\)](#)

Appointing a nominee

What is a nominee, who can be one and what we consider when appointing a nominee for you.

- [Appointing a nominee \(PDF 97KB\)](#)
- [Appointing a nominee \(DOCX 283KB\)](#)

Your plan

Creating your plan

We will work with you to create your plan.

We'll have a conversation with you to help us decide what supports to fund in your plan.

We'll also work with you to decide who will manage your funding, and when we'll change your plan.

- [Creating your plan \(PDF 420KB\)](#)
- [Creating your plan \(DOCX 124KB\)](#)

Your plan

Once we approve your plan, you can start using your NDIS funding on the supports set out in your plan.

If you want us to, we'll help you start using your plan, and help you connect with supports in your area.

- [Your plan \(PDF 294KB\)](#)
- [Your plan \(DOCX 96KB\)](#)

Changing your plan

Your plan may need to be changed for many reasons.

This guideline will explain how and when we can change your plan.

- [Changing your plan \(PDF 314KB\)](#)
- [Changing your plan \(DOCX 117KB\)](#)

How to claim from your plan

When we say claim, we mean asking for payment from the funding in your plan after you receive a support.

Who claims and how claims are made depends on how your NDIS funding is managed.

- [How to claim from your plan \(PDF 190KB\)](#)
- [How to claim from your plan \(DOCX 74KB\)](#)

Reviewing a decision

Reviewing our decisions

When we make a decision we'll give you the reasons for our decision.

You can contact us if you'd like more detail about the reasons for our decision.

If you don't agree with the original decision we've made, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.

You'll find information about internal and external Reviews in this guideline.

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- [Reviewing our decisions \(PDF 324KB\)](#)
 - [Reviewing our decisions \(DOCX 100KB\)](#)

Factsheet

To create your NDIS plan, we use evidence to help us decide what supports meet the NDIS funding criteria for you.

We need different types of evidence for different types of supports.

- [What evidence you need to give us before we create your plan \(PDF 426KB\)](#)
- [What evidence you need to give us before we create your plan \(DOCX 101KB\)](#)

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