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NDIS Amendment Act

NDIA Measures Fact sheet

Part 3

NDIS plan variations





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The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing wrote this.

We say **DHDA** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means DHDA.



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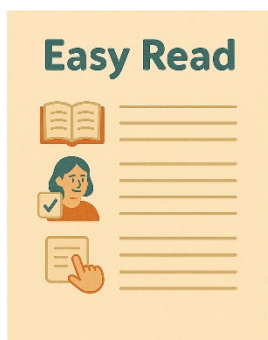
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We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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About this document



This document has **3 parts**.



This document talks about

- Changes the government wants to make to NDIS **laws**.

Laws are **rules** for how we live.

The changes are called the

- **Integrity and Safeguarding Act.**

We call it the **Act** for short.



Changes to laws are called **amendments**.

They help laws

- Change
- Be better.



Part 1 talks about

- Leaving the NDIS



Part 2 talks about

- **Electronic forms**

Electronic forms are filled in on a computer.



Part 3 talks about

- **NDIS plan variations.**



Plan variations are when the

- **National Disability Insurance Agency** changes things in your NDIS plan.

We call them **NDIA** for short.

NDIA can change

- Money
- Supports

In your NDIS plan.



This is **part 3**.

When NDIA can change your plan



NDIA have rules about when they can make changes to NDIS plans.



They can make changes if the

- Person with the NDIS plan asks to make changes



- NDIA asks to make changes.



The law says the changes can be

- Different amounts of time for your plan

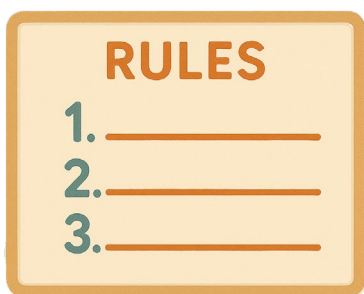


- Who can look after your plan

This is called managing the plan.



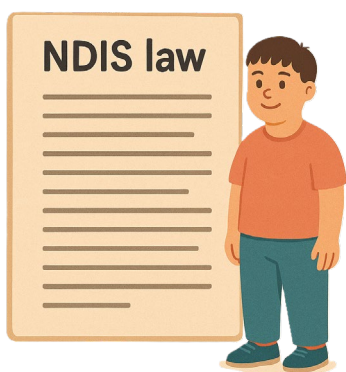
- Amount of money in your plan



- Rules for using your plan



- When they make a new plan.



We are **not** changing these laws.

Rules for plan variations

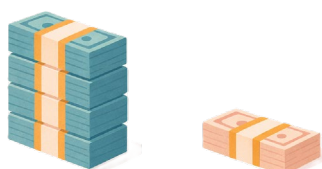


The changes will make it easier to understand when

- **Funding** in a NDIS plan can be changed.

Funding is **money from the government** to take part.

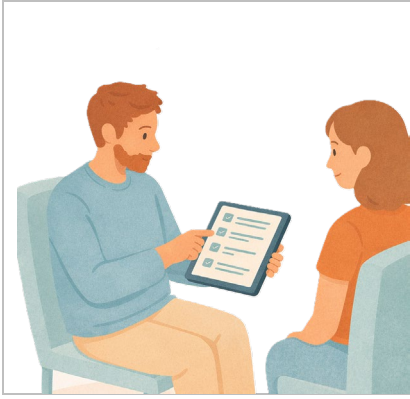
This is called **plan variations**.



It will make it easier to understand about what happens for plan variations.

For plan variations your funding can be

- More
- Less.



It will **not** change when you can ask for plan variations.

Making changes with you



The law says that NDIA must make changes to your NDIS plan **with you**.



NDIA need to listen to

- Your **goals**

Goals are things you want to do.



- How you want to look after your plan

You can look after your NDIS plan if you want to.



- How well your plan has worked for you



- If your plan has been used following the rules.

More money for supports in your NDIS plan



Most changes to NDIS plans will have more money for supports.



Some of the changes could be

- Making the plan go for longer



Having money for assistive technology

Assistive technology can be things to help you:

- Speak
- Move
- See
- Hear.

This can also be changes to your home to help you be safe.



- Having more money for supports quickly because your needs have changed

This can be called **emergency funding**.



- Money for supports to keep you
 - Safe
 - Healthy



- More money if you have experienced **fraud**

Fraud is when someone tries to get something they should **not** get.

Like tricking someone to get their NDIS money.

Less money for supports in your NDIS plan

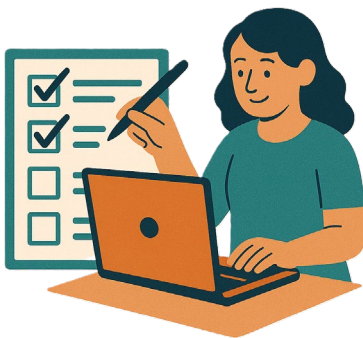
	Some changes to NDIS plans will have less money for supports.
	They are • Making a plan go over less time
	• If someone has been given money after an accident This means someone else pays for your disability supports not the NDIS. This is called compensation.

Working together to make changes



NDIA must work with you to change your NDIS plan.

They do **not** have to make a whole new plan if your needs are the same.



Changes to plans will still be able to be **reviewed** if you do **not** agree.

This means you can ask for the decision to be checked again.



If you do **not** agree with a change to your NDIS plan a

- Different person at NDIA can check the decision again.

They check if the right decision was made.

This is called an **internal review**.



If you still do **not** agree you can ask for an **external review**.

This is when someone outside NDIA checks the decision.

They check if the right decision was made.

An external review is done by the **Administrative Review Tribunal**.

More information



For more information you can look at our website.

www.health.gov.au/our-work/ndis-legislation-changes/amendments/2025

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