



Securing the NDIS for future generations

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is one of Australia's most important social reforms. The NDIS needs to be protected for people with permanent and significant disability and for future generations who will rely on it. This timeline outlines the key dates for implementing the Government's plan to secure the future of the NDIS. This will be updated as further dates are confirmed following consultation and design work.

2026

Mid-May

NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill introduced to Parliament.

7 days after Royal Assent*

Tighter criteria for unscheduled plan reassessments begins. Participants will still be able to request unscheduled reassessments when there have been significant and ongoing changes to support needs. Only participants, plan nominees or guardians will be able to request unscheduled reassessments.

Participants and providers begin to have new requirements to retain records relating to NDIS claims.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will have stronger compliance, enforcement and information gathering powers to tackle fraud and non-compliance and respond faster to suspicious behaviour.

The Minister for Disability and the NDIS will become the decision-maker on NDIS pricing.

*This timing is subject to the Bill passing Parliament.

1 July

Rollout of mandatory registration begins for Supported Independent Living and platform providers.

Key changes commence for participants and providers

Consultation begins on:

- Design of a commissioning approach for home and living supports for Supported Independent Living (SIL) participants who need 24/7 support to ensure participants receive the best supports and address provider viability challenges.
- Expanding differentiated pricing for unregistered providers.
- Design of the Inclusive Communities Fund and market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities to ensure genuinely inclusive activities are available in the market.

Early July

Technical Advisory Group established to provide advice on new eligibility process to determine access to the NDIS based on functional capacity.

Early August

Consultation begins on:

- Updated new framework planning rules.
- New eligibility process to determine access to the NDIS.

14 August

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee due to report on the NDIS Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026.

31 August

Consultation concludes for:

- Design of the Inclusive Communities Fund.

30 September

Consultation concludes for:

- Expanding differentiated pricing for unregistered providers.
- New eligibility assessment process to determine access to the NDIS.

1 October

Phased rollout of Thriving Kids supports begins, with children aged 8 and under with development delay and/or autism with low to moderate support needs and their families able to access supports outside the NDIS.

Participant support budgets for social, civic and community participation supports and capacity building daily activities are progressively reset as plans are reassessed or renewed.

10 October

Consultation concludes for:

- Updated new framework planning rules.

31 October

Consultation concludes for:

- Commissioning Supported Independent Living.
- Market reforms for social and community participation and capacity building activities.

2027

1 February

Changes to plan rollovers begin for all participants. As plans reach their scheduled reassessment dates, a renewed plan will be created and unspent funds from the previous plan will not be carried over.

Tighter assessment of reasonable and necessary support for new entrants begins, with new criteria the NDIA must consider in determining what supports are funded. This will be progressively applied to current participants as they go through usual reassessments.

1 April

Participants start to transition to new framework planning.

1 July

Rollout of expanded mandatory registration requirements for providers of higher risk activities like personal care, daily living supports and supports provided in closed settings begins, with all providers in scope to be registered by December 2030.

Rollout of new enrolment system with a minimum basic level of identifiable information on most NDIS providers begins, with all providers in scope to be enrolled by December 2027.

1 October

New panel of plan management providers begins with a 6-month transition period.

Key changes commence for participants and providers

2028

1 January

Access changes begin for new applicants, with existing participants reassessed over 3 years:

- Eligibility determined based on a new standardised, evidence-based assessment of functional capacity as informed by the Technical Advisory Group.
- More consistent assessment of permanence and whether an impairment can be alleviated or treated.
- More consistent assessment of access to other compensation schemes.

Thriving Kids services are fully operational nationally.

Access changes for new applicants aged 0-8 eligible for Thriving Kids begin.

- Children aged 8 and under with developmental delay and/or autism with low to moderate support needs will be supported by Thriving Kids instead of the NDIS.
- Children aged 8 and under enrolled in the NDIS prior to 1 January 2028 with developmental delay and/or autism with low to moderate support needs will be subject to reassessment under the eligibility criteria in place prior to 1 January 2028.
- Children with permanent and significant disability and children aged 8 and under with developmental delay and/or autism who have substantially reduced functional capacity (high support needs) will remain eligible for the NDIS, subject to usual arrangements.

1 July

New support coordination and connection function with commissioned service begins.

2030

31 December

New framework planning transition period ends. All participants will have been transitioned to new framework plans.

Working together to secure the NDIS

Further reforms will still be needed to the NDIS so it can support people with disability and their families and continue to transform their lives.

We are committed to engaging with the disability community and states and territories on longer-term reforms.