

Table of new framework planning rules

The table below provides a description of the 8 new framework planning NDIS rules, the category of each rule and when consultation on each rule will occur. For more information about legal instruments and categories of NDIS Rules visit [ndis-legal-instruments-explained.pdf](https://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-legal-instruments-explained.pdf)

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Rule	Description	Category*	Consultation
New Framework Transition	The transition arrangements for different cohorts of participants to move to new framework plans, ensuring participants are advised of the timing of their transition.	Category A/ Transitional rule	January-March 2026
New Framework Plan Spending	Documents circumstances when the Agency may limit how participants can spend their flexible funding for safeguarding reasons (in addition to those in the <i>NDIS Act</i>) and matters the CEO must consider when making decisions to: limit how a participant can spend their flexible funding; determine funding periods; and apply requirements for the provision or purchasing of supports.	Category A rule	January-March 2026
Notices of Impairments	Enables the Agency to issue a notice of impairment to existing participants (who made their access prior to 1 January 2025) specifying the category of impairment(s) for which a participant meets the disability or early intervention requirements.	Category D rule	January-March 2026
Stated Supports	Outlines which supports will be stated for all participants or specific groups of participants.	Category A /Transitional rule	January-March 2026
NDIS Supports	Amendments to the NDIS supports transitional rule based on insights from the implementation of the rule from 3 October 2024 to date. Changes are also required to ensure the rule effectively supports the implementation of new framework planning.	Category A/ Transitional rule	2025; August-October 2026

Budget Method	Will provide transparency for how the Agency has determined a participant's total amount of funding (both flexible and stated supports).	Category A/ Transitional rule	August-October 2026
Support Needs Assessment	Creates the support needs assessment process for the Agency's new planning pathway, and includes the assessment process and tool(s) used, the support needs assessment report content and when a replacement assessment should be arranged.	Category A/ Transitional rule	August-October 2026
Plan Variation	Criteria for deciding whether to vary a plan under the existing permitted variations in the Act, and additional circumstances in which a participant's budget can be varied.	Category A rule	August-October 2026

** Category A rules require at least majority agreement of states and territories. Category D rules require state and territory consultation but not agreement. Transitional rules can be made by the Minister following a formal agreement making process with state and territory Disability Ministers.*

The rules will be regularly reviewed and amended to help transition future participant cohorts and learn from the participant experience when implementing the new model.