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Funding changes to NDIS supports

A guide to what is changing

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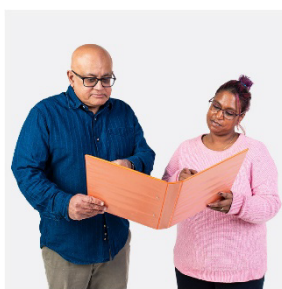
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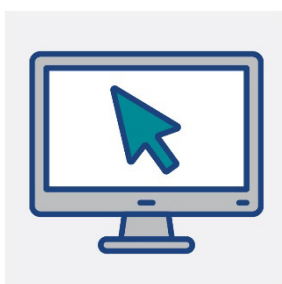
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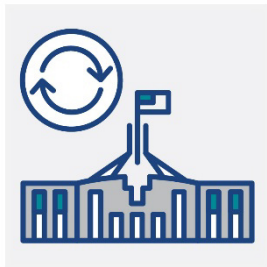
You can find the other document on our website.

www.health.gov.au/our-work/ndis-legislation-changes/amendments/funding-changes-for-ndis-supports

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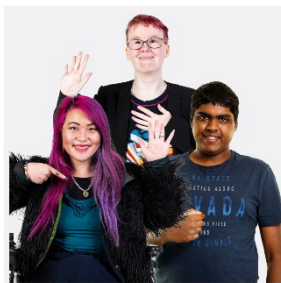
About this document



The Australian Government is changing parts of the **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**.



The NDIS supports people with disability by helping them pay for the supports and services they need.



Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.

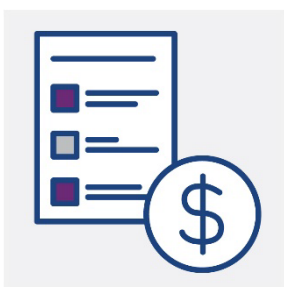


These changes happen between:

- 1 October 2026
- and
- 30 September 2027.



The changes will affect **funding** for some types of supports.

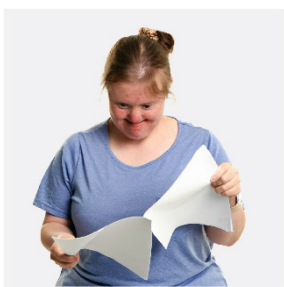


Funding is money from a participant's **NDIS plan** that pays for the supports they need.



An NDIS plan has information about:

- a participant and their goals
- what supports a participant needs
- what the NDIS will pay for.

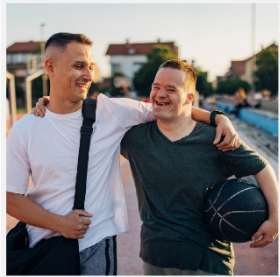


In this document, we will explain:

- what is changing
- how the changes will work.

What is changing?

The Australian Government is changing how much funding participants can get for support to:

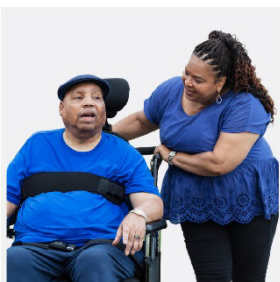


- take part in their community

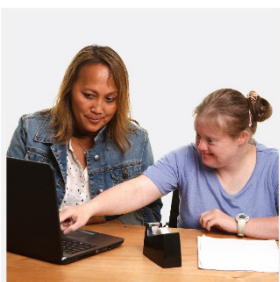


- learn to do more things for themselves in their every day life.

The changes mean participants will get:



- **50% less** funding for supports to take part in the community



- **10% less** funding for supports to improve daily living skills.

Why is the government making this change?



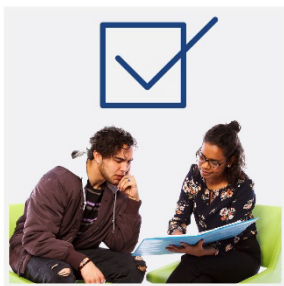
The Australian Government has made this change because funding for these supports:

- keeps getting higher over time
- costs more than other programs.

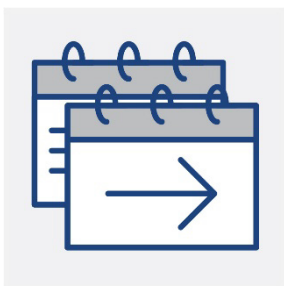
The government wants to make sure the NDIS:



- is fair



- is like other support programs



- can last a long time.

How will these changes happen?



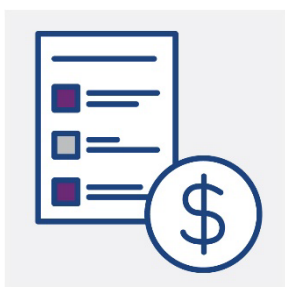
The **National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)** runs the NDIS.



The NDIA will change funding for these supports between:

- 1 October 2026
- and
- 30 September 2027.

From 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027



New participants will have the new amount of funding for these supports in their first NDIS plan.

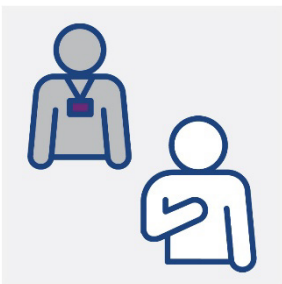


Participants who already have an NDIS plan will start using these funding changes when they have a **plan reassessment**.



A plan reassessment is when the NDIA check if the supports in a participant's plan:

- still work well for them
- need to change.

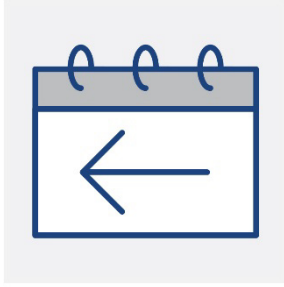


A plan reassessment can be:

- planned by the NDIA
- asked for by a participant.

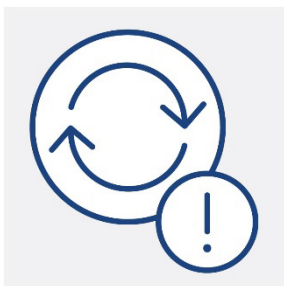


The NDIA will tell participants **2 to 3 months** before the date of their plan reassessment meeting.

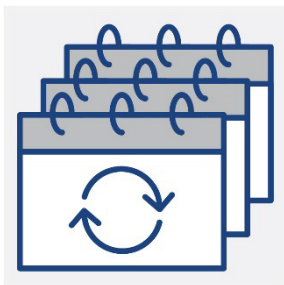


Participants can ask for a plan reassessment to happen sooner than planned.

They can do this when something changes that is:

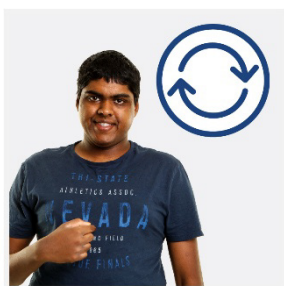


- **significant** – it changes a lot



- **ongoing** – it will change for a long time.

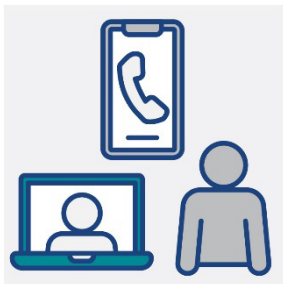
This includes changes to:



- their ability to do every day tasks
- the support they need
- where they live or who they live with
- their school or work.

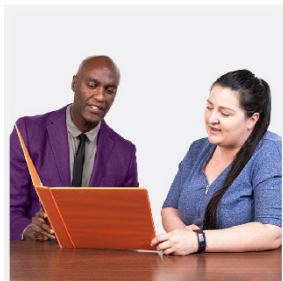


The NDIA will have **90 days** to decide if the participant needs the plan reassessment.

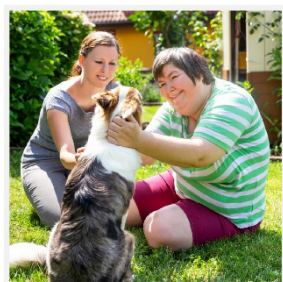


Participants can decide if they want their plan reassessment to be:

- over the phone
- in a video call
- in person.



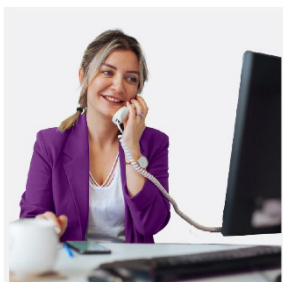
The NDIA will give the participant their new NDIS plan after the plan reassessment.



The NDIA will tell participants how much less funding they will get for supports to:

- take part in their community
- improve their daily living skills.

From 1 February 2027 to 30 September 2027



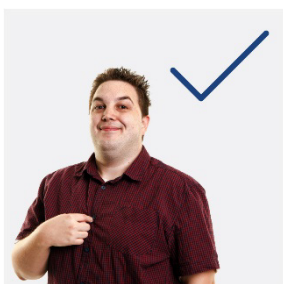
The NDIA will contact participants who have not had a new plan or plan reassessment since **1 October 2026**.



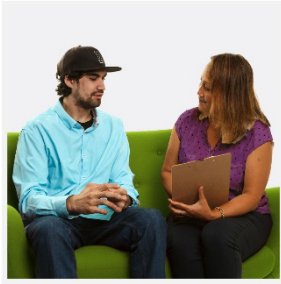
The NDIA will tell them when they will change the funding in their NDIS plan.



The NDIA need to tell participants **60 days** before their funding changes.



Participants will not need to do anything.

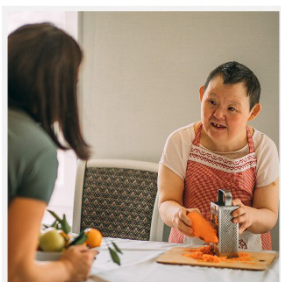


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How will these changes affect participants?

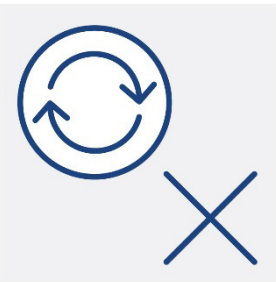
These changes only affect funding for support to:



- take part in the community



- learn to do more things in every day life.



There are some supports in these groups that will not change.



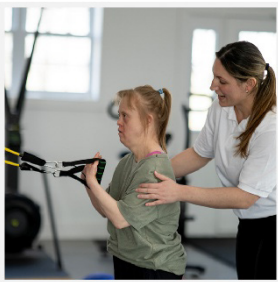
These are supports that are important for:

- keeping participants safe
- the health of participants.

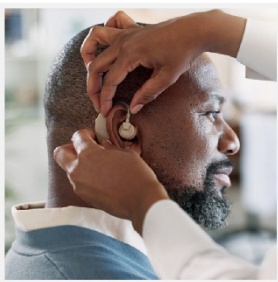
Funding will not change for:



- support to get and keep a job



- health support



- hearing supports – like hearing aids.



Funding for **high intensity supports** will not change.

High intensity supports are for people who need a lot of help most of the time.



Funding for **complex behaviour supports** will not change.

Complex behaviour supports help participants manage behaviours that can:

- affect their daily life
- put people at risk.

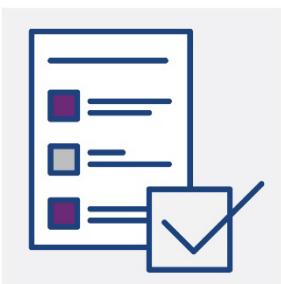
Funding will not change for **customisable and wearable technology**.



Customisable and wearable technology is technology that:

- is made for a certain participant
- the participant wears.

For example, a prosthetic limb.



The changes will not affect other parts of a participant's NDIS plan.

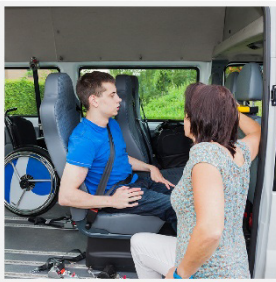
For example, funding will not change for:



- support at home – like to eat or clean



- support to change parts of a home or vehicle



- support to move around – like mobility aids and transport



- products to support participants with their periods or controlling when they go to the bathroom.



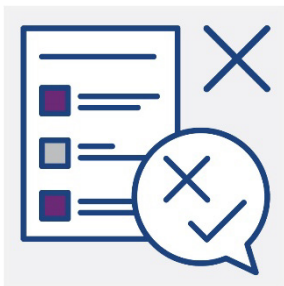
Funding for **specialist disability accommodation (SDA)** will not change.

SDA is housing for people with disability who need extra support most of the time.

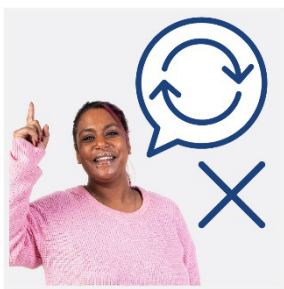
How can the NDIA help participants?



These changes are about how the NDIS works.

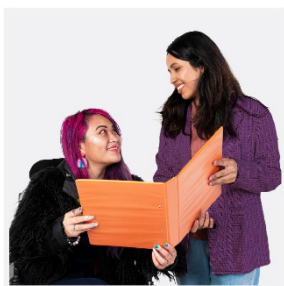


They are not decisions that the NDIA makes about a participant's plan.

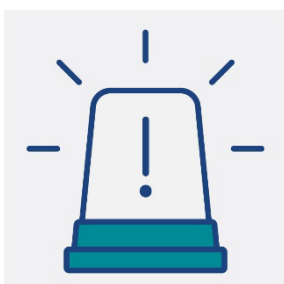


This means participants cannot ask the NDIA to check these changes.

Participants can ask the NDIA for:

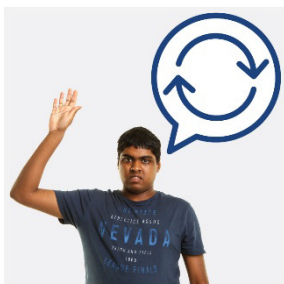


- a plan reassessment



- help in an **emergency** – a dangerous situation that no one expects to happen.

Help for participants who need a lot of support

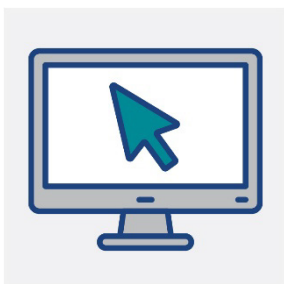


The NDIA has a new way for participants to ask to change their NDIS plan.



This new way is only for participants with **high support needs**.

High support needs means a participant needs a lot of support all the time.



You can learn about this new way on our website.

www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/ndis-supports-funding-changes



We also wrote this information in Easy Read.

www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/ndis-funding-changes-high-support-needs-safeguards

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this report mean.



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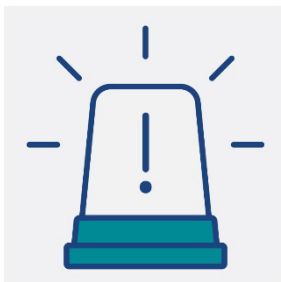
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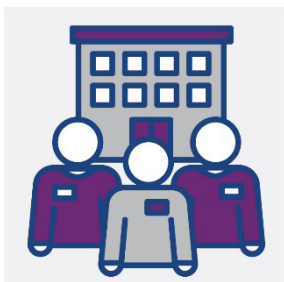
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National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

The NDIA runs the NDIS.



National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

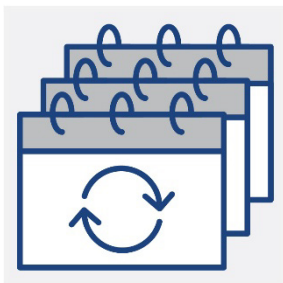
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NDIS plan



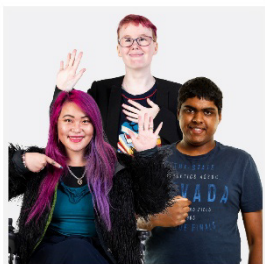
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Ongoing

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Participants

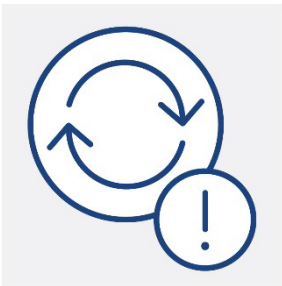
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Plan reassessment



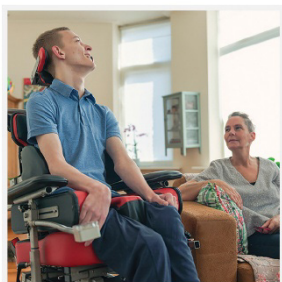
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Significant

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