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Funding changes to NDIS supports

Information for participants who need
a lot of support all of the time

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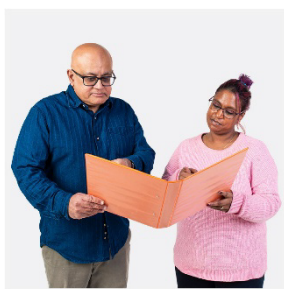
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We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

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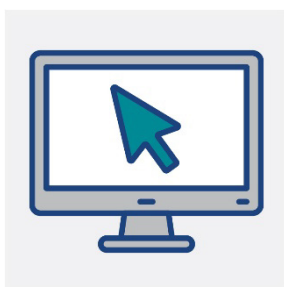
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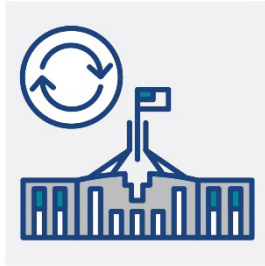
You can find the other document on our website.

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

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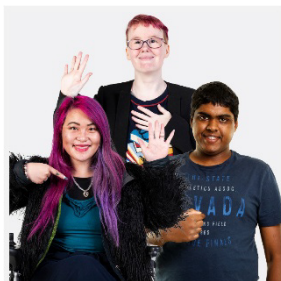
About this document



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 will 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.

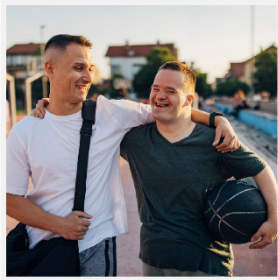


An NDIS plan has information about:

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

What is changing?

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

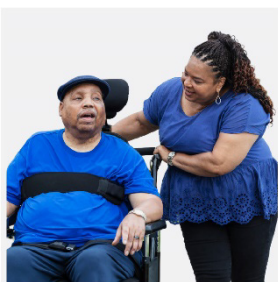


- take part in their community

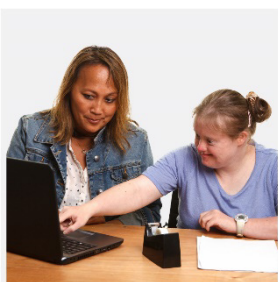


- learn to do more things for themselves in their every day life.

The changes mean participants will get:



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



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



There will also be a new way to do a **plan variation**.



A plan variation is when the NDIA changes some parts of a person's NDIS plan.



The new plan variation is only for participants with **high support needs**.

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

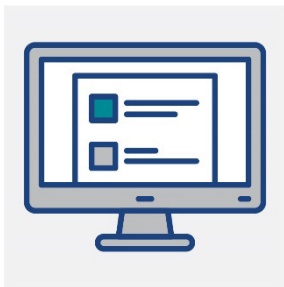


The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) runs the NDIS.



You can learn more about how the NDIA will make these changes on our website.

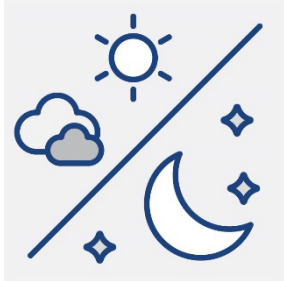
www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/ndis-supports-funding-changes



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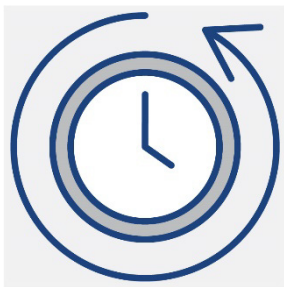
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Who is the new plan variation for?

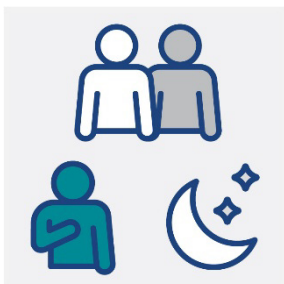


The new plan variation is for participants who use funding for NDIS supports:

- all day
- and
- all night.



We call this 24 hour support.



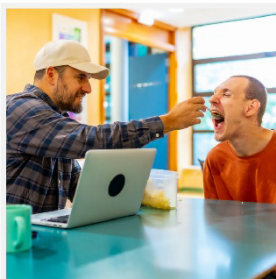
This includes supports they:

- share with other participants
- use on their own
- use overnight.

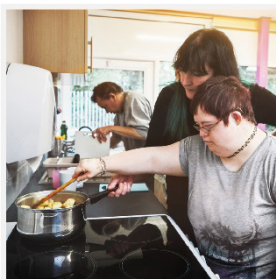


Participants must have **\$215,030** or more for funding across **3** support categories.

The support categories are:

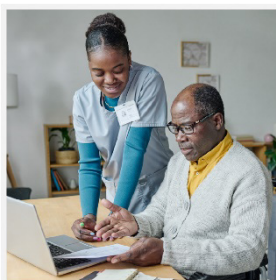


- Assistance with Daily Life



- Home and Living

and

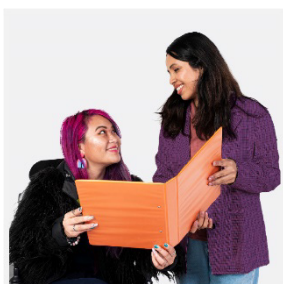


- Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation.

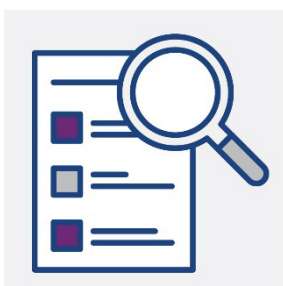


They must get this funding from the NDIS for 24 hour support.

Other ways to change an NDIS plan



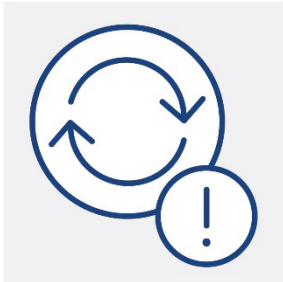
Participants who cannot get the new plan variation can still ask for a **plan reassessment**.



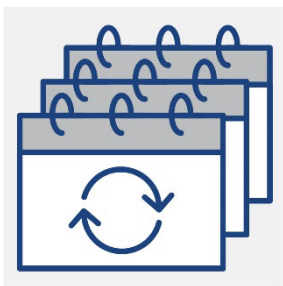
A plan reassessment is when the NDIA check if the supports in a participant's plan:

- still work well for them
- need to change.

Participants can ask to change their NDIS plan when something changes that is:

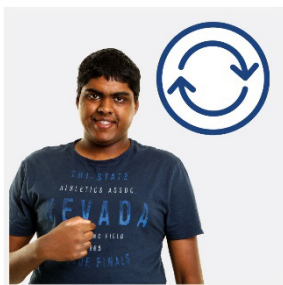


- **significant** – it changes a lot



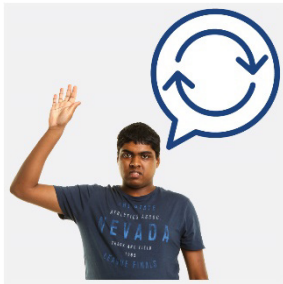
- **ongoing** – it will change for a long time.

This includes changes to:

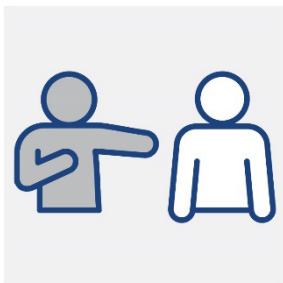


- their ability to do every day tasks
- the support they need
- where they live or who they live with
- their school or work.

How will the new plan variations work?



Participants can ask for a plan variation up to **90 days** after their funding changes.

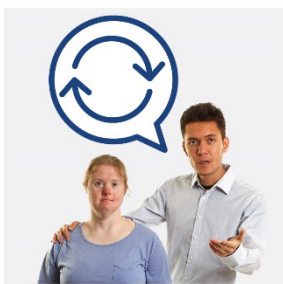


Only a participant or their **nominee** can ask for a plan variation.

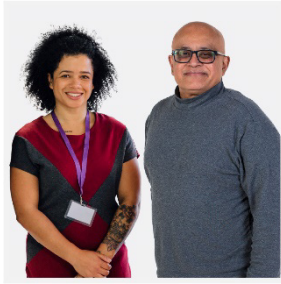


Your nominee is someone you choose to:

- make decisions for you
- do things for you that you cannot do on your own.



Participants who do not have a nominee can get support from another person to ask for the new plan variation.



For example, a support person or a person who can help a participant have their say.

The NDIA will have **21 days** to:



- decide if a participant meets the rules to apply



- tell a participant if it needs more time to make a decision.

The NDIA will then have another **21 days** to:



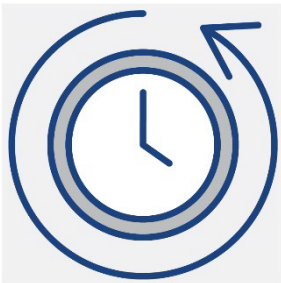
- decide if a participant needs a plan variation



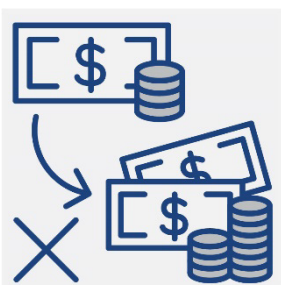
- tell a participant if it needs more time to decide.



Participants who can get the new plan variation might get more funding in their NDIS plan.

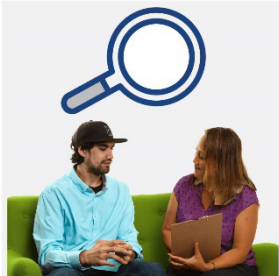


This means they will have enough funding to keep their 24 hour support.



The amount of funding the NDIA gives cannot be more than what the participant had before the changes.

How to check the NDIA's decision

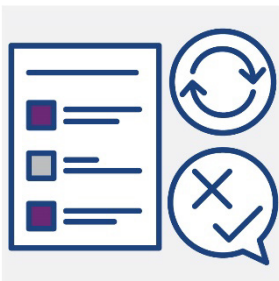


Participants can ask the NDIA to check their decisions about the new plan variation.

This includes checking their decision about:



- if the participant meets the rules about the new plan variation



- why the NDIA agreed to a plan variation or not.

Word list

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



Funding

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High support needs

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NDIS plan

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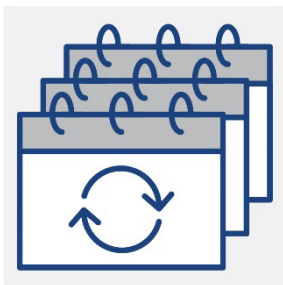
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Nominee

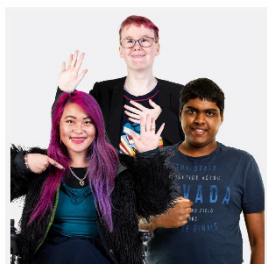
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Ongoing

An ongoing change means it will change for a long time.



Participants

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Plan reassessment



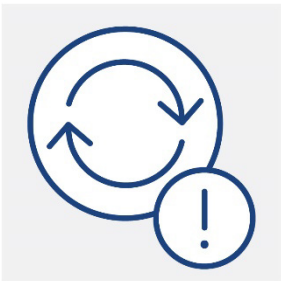
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Plan variation

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Significant

A significant change means it changes a lot.



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