



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.

1 July

Rollout of mandatory registration begins for Supported Independent Living and platform 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.
- Expanding differentiated pricing for unregistered providers.
- Design of the Inclusive Communities Fund.

Early July

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

14 August

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee report tabled, recommending the Bill be passed through Parliament.

19 August

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026 passed by the Parliament.

Consultation begins on:

- Updated new framework planning rules

20 August

The *National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Act 2026* received Royal Assent. Some measures commenced 7 days after Royal Assent.

27 August

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

Participants and providers begin to have new requirements to retain records relating to NDIS claims. Participants and plan managers will need to keep records for 3 years and providers for 7 years.

NDIA, NDIS Commission and other relevant authorities begin to have stronger compliance, enforcement and information gathering powers to tackle fraud and non-compliance, respond faster to poor provider behaviour, and tackle serious and organised crime operating within the NDIS.

Stronger penalties for fraud and other serious wrongdoing begin. New offences cover things like providing false or misleading information, obtaining NDIS funds by deception, abuse of position as a participant's nominee, and intentionally destroying records.

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

31 August

Consultation concludes for:

- Design of the Inclusive Communities Fund.

Consultation begins on:

- New eligibility assessment process to determine access to the NDIS.

7 September

Consultation begins on:

- Support coordination and connection

13 September

Consultation concludes for:

- Commissioning Supported Independent Living

30 September

Consultation concludes for:

- Expanding differentiated pricing for unregistered providers.

Key changes commence for participants and providers

2026 continued

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.

New plan variation pathway opens for high support needs participants who require continuous 24-hour care to meet their disability-related care needs.

2 October

Consultation concludes for:

- New eligibility assessment process to determine access to the Scheme.
- Support coordination and connection.

14 October

Consultation concludes for:

- Updated new framework planning rules.

27 November

Ban on providers offering kickbacks and inducements begins.

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.

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.

27 February

New rules about debt recovery begin to make sure powers to recover debts are administered fairly.

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.

New whistleblower protections begin for people who report wrongdoing in the NDIS.

1 October

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

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 begins.

2030

31 December

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

Key changes commence for participants and providers