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Stakeholder Engagement**



NDIS and the NDIA

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) administers the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



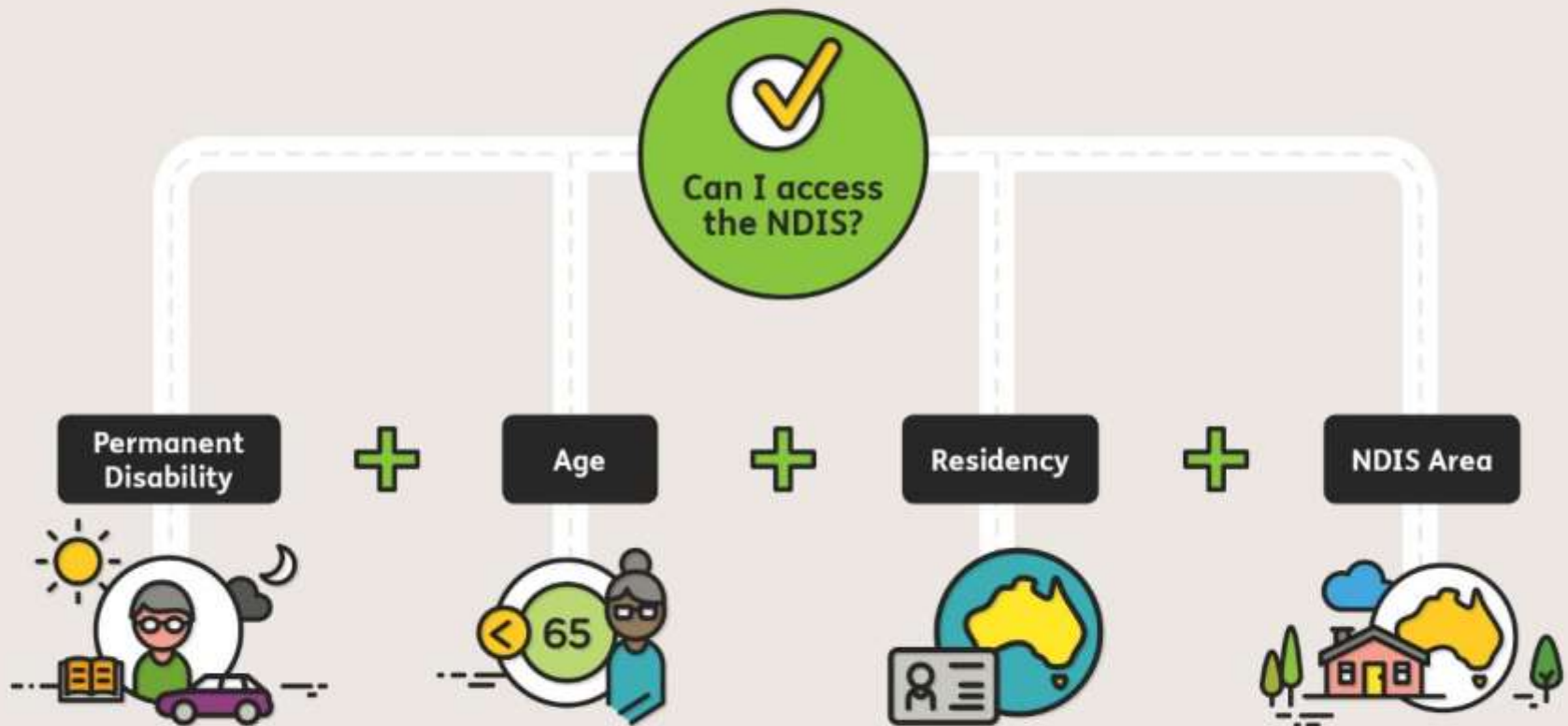
The NDIA's job is to:

- Work with partners to deliver the NDIS
- Build community awareness of disability
- Ensure financial sustainability of the NDIS
- Develop and enhance the disability sector

Why do we need the NDIS?



Can I access the NDIS?



Requesting Access



- For people receiving support from a State funded program, the NDIS will make contact
- If they are not receiving any support, the person or their carer will need to contact the NDIS (1800 800 110) to request an Access Request Form
- If they do not have the information or reports they will request assistance from a GP
- Completed forms are returned to NDIS
- NDIS Access team will follow up with participant to finalise Access decision



Access Request Forms (ARF)



The ARF is split into the following 8 areas:

- Part A: The individual's details
- Part B: Privacy consent
- Part C: Contact information
- Part D: Parent, legal guardian details
- Part E: Carers details
- Part F: Disability supports
- Part G: Change of circumstances
- Part H: Signature (Declaration)



Evidence of Disability

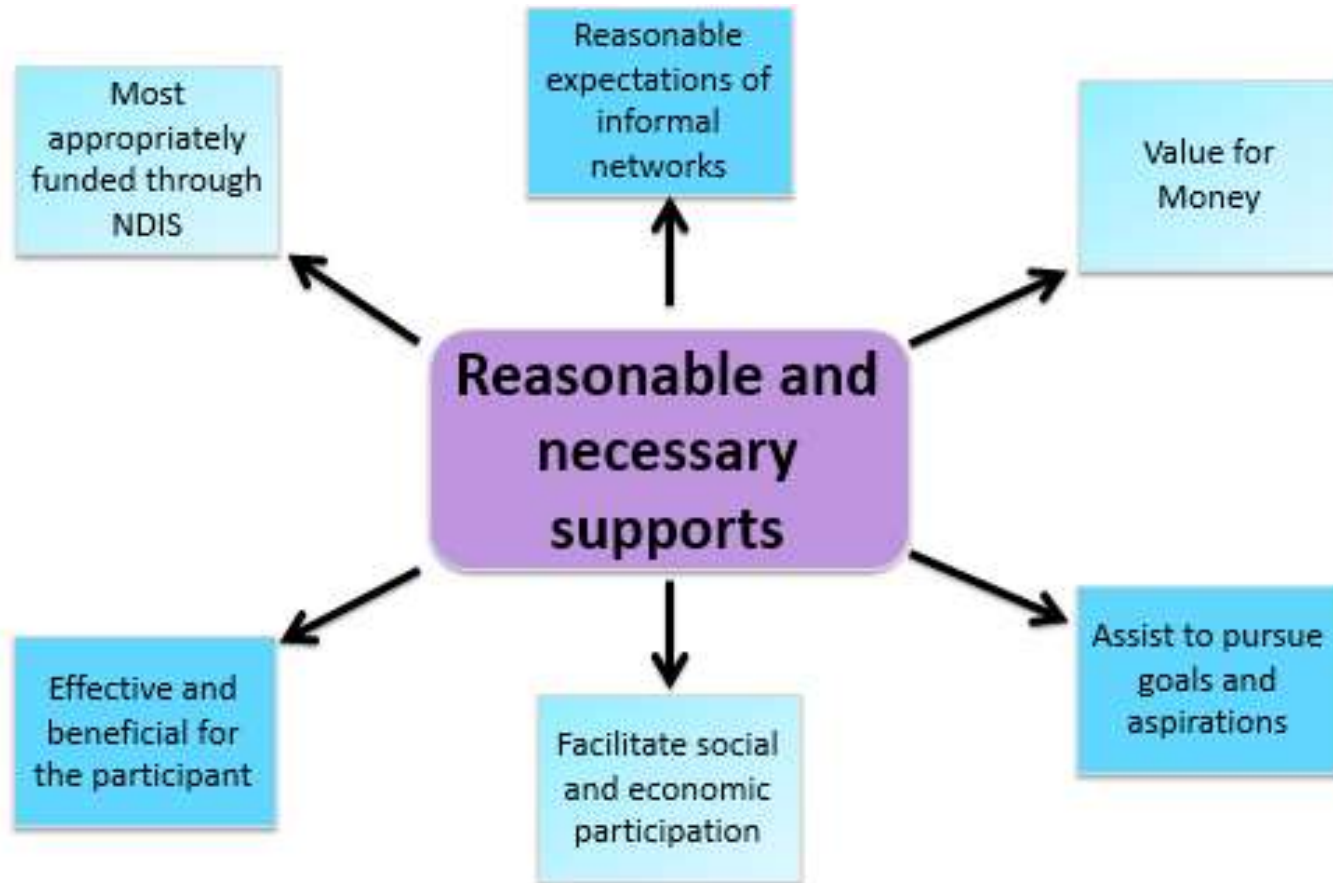


The NDIA requires supporting information relating to:

- Mobility
- Communication
- Social interaction
- Learning
- Self-care
- Self-management

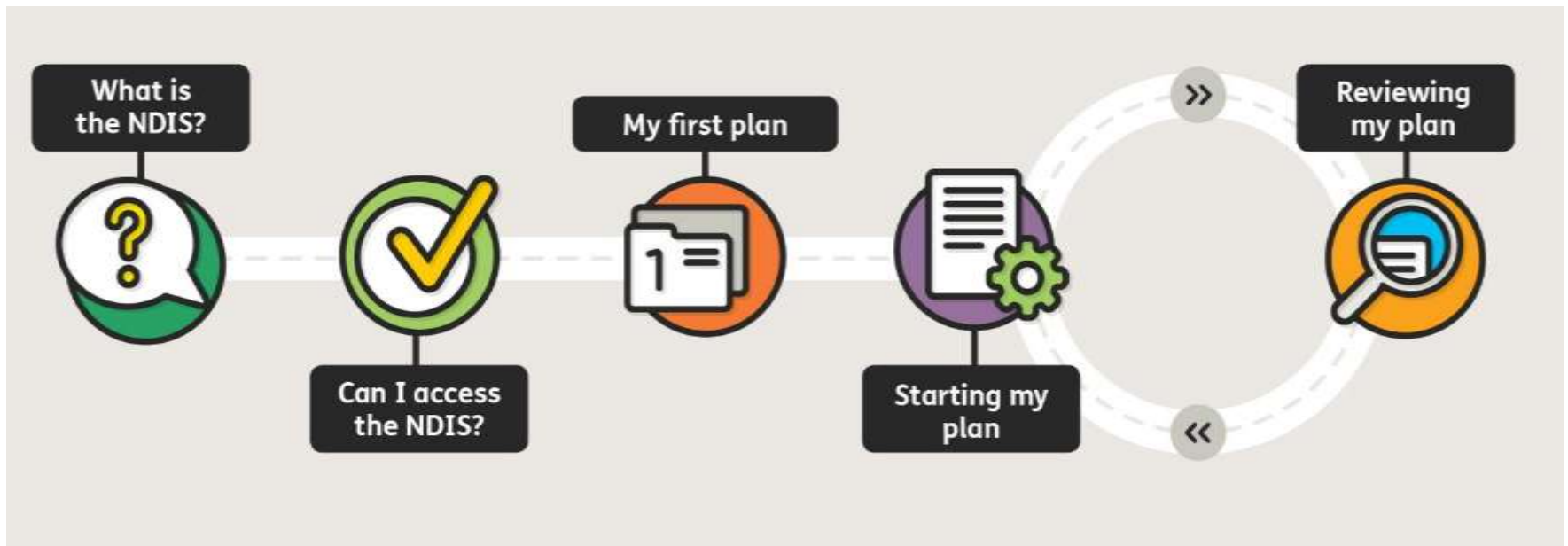


Reasonable and Necessary



The NDIS pathway

- Generally people follow a pathway to access the Scheme and then move into a 12 month planning cycle.
- Your first NDIS plan will give you the support you need now and the time to explore all of your options for your next plan.



My first plan





What is included in an NDIA Plan?

- Your participant statement or personal story
- Your informal, mainstream and community supports or the people you have in your life
- Your goals and what you are working on and would like to achieve
- Your funded supports and the disability specific supports to assist you to do these things and
- Your choice in how you would like these supports managed, either by yourself, by the agency, by a third party or any combination of these.



What is a my participant statement?

- Your participant statement is your own individual story
- It should include;
 - Where you live
 - Who you live with
 - What you do every day
 - What you do on the weekends and on occasions and
 - Who helps you to do all these things

NDIS plans are individual

Individual Approach
(what you want to achieve)

Supports
provided by other
systems, family,
friends and
community

NDIS Funded Supports
(reasonable and
necessary)



What are your goals?

- Goals are “your words” or “the participant’s” words on what you would like to achieve in the next 12 months
- They need to include your core supports or the supports you need on a day to day basis
- They need to include you capacity supports and the things you would like to learn to do for yourself.
- They also need to include any requests for equipment / modifications or assessments for these.

What should your goals cover?

- Your goal/s will be listed in your plan and will help people know what is important to you
- Your goals should cover the things that are most important to you.
- They should cover the things you would like to change.
- They should cover new things you would like to try.
- Goals should cover the different areas of your life including;
 - Daily life activities
 - Where you live
 - Relationships
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Learning
 - Work
 - Social and community activities
 - Choice and control over your life

Risk and Safety

- A planning conversation will also included questions to help us to identify any areas in your life where you may feel unsafe and where you might need extra help.
- We want to reduce any risk of harm, abuse or neglect by ensuring you have supports in place. We also want people to learn how to do new things safely.
- This will not print out on your plan but is recorded in the system so we can see in the future if this changes.

Ways to manage NDIS funding

- The way you manage the funds in your plan can be different for each person
- Different options can be chosen for different funded supports
- Plans may have a combination of the options



Can I choose who provides me with supports?



- Provider means an individual or organisation that delivers a support or a product to a participant in the NDIS
- The funding in your NDIS plan lets you choose how your supports are delivered and who provides your support
- This means you can choose the provider or support worker you will work with
- If you need some help to choose your providers, a Support Coordinator can be put in your plan to help you.



Local Area Coordination

Your LACs will:

- Provide assistance to connect and build informal and natural supports
- Work with participants to help access and make the most of the NDIS
- Work with people not eligible for the NDIS as part of Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC)
- Support participants to build strong, inclusive relationships in their communities
- Will start in this region early in 2018.

Next steps


- Complete Access request form if not already receiving supports through state government
- Start thinking about your life, your future and what you would like to achieve
- a representative from the NDIS will contact you or your family member by phone to get consent for you to access the NDIS.
- Someone from the NDIS will meet with you to help develop your first plan.
- Your first plan might include the same supports and services you currently get
- The NDIS representative will also discuss with you the steps for implementing your plan




For more information



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