

We would like to contact you about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

What is the NDIS?

The NDIS is a new way for people to get disability support that takes an individualised approach to providing care and support over a person's lifetime.

The scheme will deliver a life-long approach to support people with disability through individualised funding. This means rather than providing support based on the number of places in a limited number of programs, the scheme will provide funding so people can get the care and support they need, based on their individual support needs, goals and aspirations.

The NDIS is being rolled out in stages because it's a big change to the current system. It's also a permanent change, so it needs to be implemented in a sustainable and steady way.

How can I participate?

We want to ensure everyone who may be eligible for the NDIS has the opportunity to apply for access. If you are currently using Australian or State Government funded disability services and in specific mental health services in an NDIS launch site, we will write to your service provider, asking for your contact details and the types of support you currently receive. Your current service provider will not be breaching any privacy laws by providing this brief information.

We will use this information to contact you at the right time and discuss how you may be able to access the NDIS.

What if I do not want my provider to pass on my details?

If you do not want your service provider to pass on your details, you should let them know and they will respect your decision. This will mean that we will not be able to contact you and make an appointment for you to come and see us.

You can contact the National Disability Insurance Agency directly but this may delay when you are able to access the scheme.

What if I am not eligible for the NDIS?

All governments have agreed that people currently receiving services will be no worse off as a result of the introduction of the NDIS.

If you are not eligible for the NDIS, you will continue to have access to the services you are currently receiving.

More information

If you have any concerns about your service provider giving us your contact details, you can speak to your service provider or contact the National Disability Insurance Agency directly:

- Visit www.ndis.gov.au
- Email engagementnsw@ndis.gov.au
- Call **Suzanne Punshon on 4942 9210** Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm EST
- For people with hearing or speech loss
 - TTY: 1800 555 677
 - Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727
- For people who need help with English
 - TIS: **131 450**

*1800 calls are free from fixed lines; however calls from mobiles may be charged.