NDIS READY

Getting NDIS Ready in New South Wales

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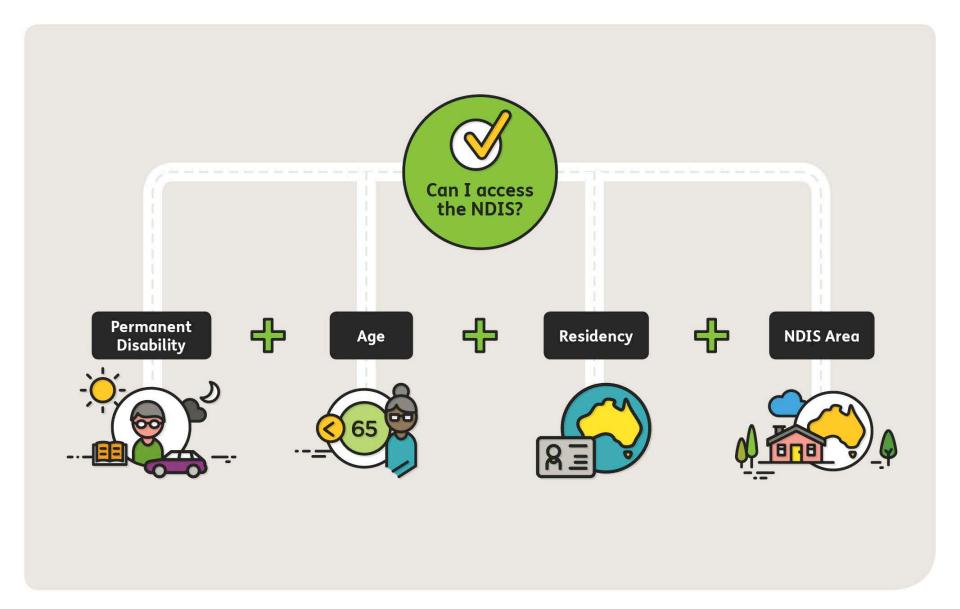
What is the NDIS?





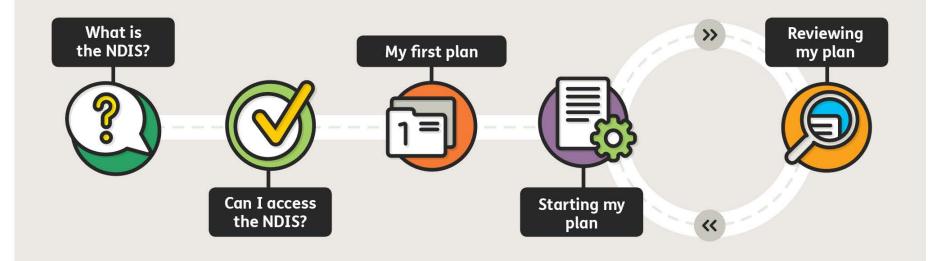
Can I access the NDIS?





My NDIS pathway







NDIS plans are individual

Individual Goals and Aspirations

Informal, Mainstream and Community Supports (provided by other systems, family, friends and community)

NDIS Funded Supports (reasonable and necessary)





The Scheme will grow substantially



The NDIS in New South Wales



From 1 July 2016

- Central Coast
- Northern Sydney
- South Western Sydney
- Southern NSW
- Western Sydney
- Remaining populations of Hunter New England and Nepean Blue Mountains

From 1 July 2017

- Illawarra Shoalhaven
- Mid North Coast
- Murrumbidgee
- Northern NSW
- South Eastern Sydney
- Sydney
- Western NSW
- Far West

1 July 2018 The NDIS is operating state-wide

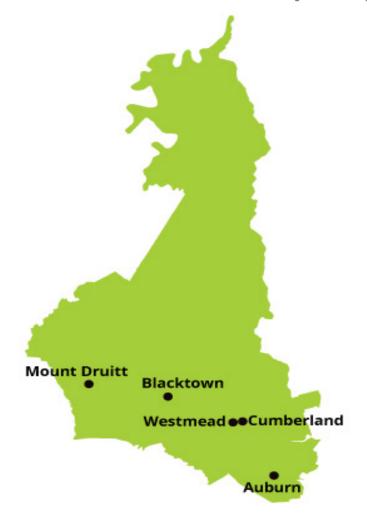


The NDIS in Western Sydney



Uniting Western Sydney
District Hubs can be found at
the following locations:

- Parramatta (District Head Office) – 29 LACs – includes Auburn and Holroyd
- Baulkham Hills 11 LAC's
- Blacktown 28 LAC's



School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)



SLES aims to create a pathway from school and into post-school life:

- Increase young people's confidence and aspirations for employment.
- Partner with Education to support the pathway from school into postschool life.
- Enable young people to choose a provider based on evidence of success.







- Local Area Coordinators (LACs) will support NSW participants and their families to successfully transition to the NDIS. They will assist with the planning process, plan implementation and facilitate access to appropriate supports and services.
- Most participants will also have an LAC assist with plan implementation, others may need more frequent and funded support coordination.
- The NDIA has partnered with Uniting and St Vincent de Paul Society NSW to deliver NSW LAC services during transition from January 2016 – 30 June 2018.



Support Coordination



Primary roles of Support Coordinator are:

- Support implementation and identify options for all supports in the plan, including informal, mainstream and community, as well as funded supports.
- Strengthen and enhance the participant's abilities to coordinate supports and participate in the community, reach decisions and develop agreements with support providers.
- Ensure mainstream services meet their obligations (i.e. housing, education, justice, health).
- Build capacity of the participant to achieve greater independence, self-direct supports in the longer term and understand funding flexibility.
- Be available to ensure new support arrangements endure and in times of 'crisis'.
- Provide NDIA with reports on outcomes and success indicators within agreed reporting frequency.

Differences between LAC, Planner & Support Coordinator



LAC	Planner	Support Coordinator
✓ Uniting and St Vincent de Paul Society NSW until 30 June 2018.	✓ NDIA Staff	✓ NDIA Registered Service Providers
✓ Conduct planning conversation process for participants.	✓ Conduct planning conversation for participants.	X Do not conduct planning conversation
X Do not make reasonable and necessary decisions or approve plans.	✓ Make reasonable and necessary decisions in accordance with the NDIS Act 2013, approve plans.	X Do not come into contact with NDIS participants until they have an approved plan.
✓ Support participants to implement and review their plans.	X Do not support participants to implement their plans.	✓ Support participants to implement and review their plans.

Questions?

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