

NDIS funding explained

Getting the most from your National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) plan starts with understanding what funding is available and how to use it.

Core Supports



- Assistance with Daily Life
- Consumables
- Assistance with Social & Community Participation
- Transport

Capacity Building Supports



- Support Coordination
- Improved Living Arrangements
- Increased Social & Community Participation
- Finding & Keeping a Job
- Improved Relationships
- Improved Health & Wellbeing
- Improved Learning
- Improved Life Choices
- Improved Daily Living

Capital Supports



- Assistive Technology
- Home Modifications

Core Supports

Core Supports help you with everyday activities, your current disability-related needs, and working toward your goals. This budget is flexible, meaning you can move funding from one category to another. However, this is not always the case with the transport category.

Assistance with Daily Life

Funding to cover expenses related to assisting you to undertake daily tasks. This could include:

- Meal preparation, personal care, cleaning or gardening
- Assistance with laundry – linen service
- Access to alternative living arrangements
- Short and medium term accommodation and assistance (including respite)
- Supported Independent Living options
- Assistance with daily life tasks provided in a residential aged care facility
- Nursing care to assist with your disability-related health needs

Consumables

Funding to pay for everyday items and low risk/low cost products, like:

- Nutritional supplements or continence products
- Interpreting and translating support
- Auslan or Signed English training
- Low cost assistive technology
- Minor repairs to aids and equipment

Assistance with Social, Economic & Community Participation

Funding to cover costs to access and participate in the community, such as:

- Community, social or recreational activities
- One-to-one support to attend a social outing or activity
- Participation in sport and exercise, including joining a club
- Transport to and from activities
- Support to maintain your current employment

Transport

Funding to cover transport expenses related to the impact of your disability, including:

- Taxi expenses if you're unable to access public transport
- Specialised transport services to get to school, other educational facilities, employment, or out in the community



Capacity Building Supports

Capacity Building Supports help you to work toward your goals and build your independence. The categories within Capacity Building Supports aren't flexible, so you can't move funding from one category to another.

Support Coordination

Funding to cover a support coordinator to help you put your plan into action and organise your supports, build connections within the community, and prepare for reassessment.

Improved Living Arrangements

Funding to help you find suitable accommodation to live more independently, including assistance with securing a rental property and meeting tenancy obligations.

Increased Social & Community Participation

Funding to pay for tuition fees, art classes, sports coaching, camps, and other activities that build skills and independence. Activity-based transport is also included.

Finding & Keeping a Job

Funding to pay for a support worker to assist you at work or help you to find a job, life and work coaches, private recruitment specialists, career counsellors, and mentors.

Improved Relationships

Funding to pay for someone to help you build your social skills or behavioural therapy services.

Improved Health & Wellbeing

Funding to pay for a personal trainer, exercise physiologist or dietitian.

Improved Learning

Funding for a support worker to provide advice on further education, support you with applications to further education organisations, support you at orientation events, or assist you to participate in further education.

Improved Life Choices

Funding for a plan manager (like us!) to manage your budget, deal with your providers, speak with the National Disability Insurance Agency about your claims, and process your invoices.

Improved Daily Living

Funding to cover therapies and programs to build your capacity to reduce the impact of your disability, including physiotherapy, speech pathology, and occupational therapy.



Capital Supports

Capital Supports funding is for higher-cost assistive technology items and equipment, home or vehicle modifications, and other one-off purchases. It's not flexible, so you can only use it for the purposes specified in your plan.

Assistive Technology

Funding to cover specialised technology or equipment to assist you to live more independently, like:

- Smart devices
- Wheelchairs and other mobility equipment
- Apps
- Vehicle modifications
- Electric beds
- Bathing and toileting equipment
- Vision assistive technology
- Repairs and maintenance for equipment
- Assistive technology rental costs
- Assistive products for personal care and safety
- Communication devices
- Hearing assistive technology
- Assistance dog (including guide dog)
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Custom shoes
- Transfer equipment

Home Modifications

Funding to cover structural modifications to your home to make it easier for you to live there. This also includes assessment, delivery, adjustment, and maintenance of home modifications. This category may also cover Specialist Disability Accommodation if you require special housing because of your disability.

