

Eligibility to Access the NDIS

A Factsheet for Adults (No.2)

Who decides if I am eligible for the NDIS?

The NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency) decides who is eligible to access the NDIS. The NDIA is an independent government organisation that runs the NDIS.

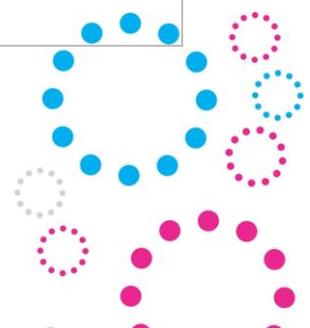
The NDIA makes decisions about whether someone is eligible to become an NDIS participant and, if so, how much funding they will receive.

Am I eligible for the NDIS?

Use the following table to determine if you are eligible for the NDIS:

(Please note we assume that you are under 65 years old. NDIS participants must be under 65 years old).

<p>Do you have Australian residency?</p> <p>To access the NDIS, you must live in Australia and be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Australian citizen, • A permanent resident, or • Hold a Protected Special Category Visa. 	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>Do you live in an area where the NDIS is currently available?</p> <p>To access the NDIS, you must live in an area where the NDIS is available. Visit the NDIS website www.ndis.gov.au or call 1800 800 110 to see if the NDIS is available in your area.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>Do you usually need support from another person or use special equipment to complete everyday tasks because of a permanent and significant disability?</p> <p>To access the NDIS you need to have a permanent and significant disability that stops or hinders you from doing everyday things successfully by yourself. Think about what happens throughout your day, what works and what doesn't. What are the day to day supports you need to move forward? What are the strategies you have tried that work to manage your daily tasks and activities? Support includes asking your friends or family for help. If you most often cannot achieve your tasks, activities and goals without supports, the answer to this question could be yes.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>



Do you need supports now to help reduce the impact of your current circumstances and help you achieve more positive outcomes?

FASD is a significant and permanent disability and individuals will need support at different times and in different ways throughout their lives. It can and will vary. It may be very difficult for a person to admit that they need help, as it is common for a person with FASD to make every effort to hide their difficulties. However, it is important to remember that for a person with FASD, receiving support when faced with life changes can make all the protective difference to ensure positive outcomes, reducing the need for additional supports or interventions.

Preparing for the support needs that may come from life changes is part of the safeguards and scaffolding required to support individuals with FASD.

Yes / No

If you circled yes to all questions, you may be eligible for the NDIS.

For more information, visit the following resources:

- NOFASD's *Factsheet 3 – Accessing the NDIS*
- NDIS website (<https://www.ndis.gov.au/>), or
- Visit a local NDIS provider in your area (<https://www.ndis.gov.au/contact/locations>).

Where can I find out more information about FASD?

NOFASD Australia is the National Peak Body for parents, carers and individuals impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Founded in 1999 and funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, we provide the essential bridge linking those with lived experience with researchers and clinicians.

NOFASD Australia provide a helpline for people impacted by FASD and those wanting information on how to support individuals with FASD. We also maintain an up-to-date comprehensive website with curated resources and links.

If you would like additional information about FASD or to read more about FASD and the NDIS, please visit the [NOFASD Australia website](#).

Source: Understanding the NDIS Booklet 1 (<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/booklets-and-factsheets>).

