

Eligibility to Access the NDIS

A Factsheet for Parents and Carers (No.2)

Who decides if my child is 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.

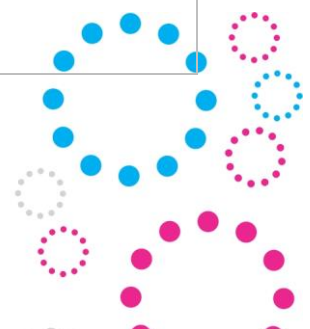
The NDIA makes decisions about whether someone is eligible to become an NDIS participant and, if so, how much funding they will receive.

Is my child eligible for the NDIS?

Use the following table to determine if your child is eligible for the NDIS:

(Please note we assume that your child is under 65 years old. NDIS participants must be under 65 years old).

<p>Does your child have Australian residency?</p> <p>To access the NDIS, your child 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>Does your child live in an area where the NDIS is currently available?</p> <p>To access the NDIS, your child 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>Does your child 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 your child needs to have a permanent and significant disability that stops them from doing everyday things by themselves. Think about the day to day supports you have in place for your child and the strategies you have adopted to ensure your child can manage age appropriate activities each day. If they could not achieve tasks without these supports, the answer to this question could be yes.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>



<p>Does your child need some supports now to reduce their support needs in the future?</p> <p>To access the NDIS to receive early intervention supports your child must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a permanent disability, or • Be a child aged 0-6 years with a significant developmental delay requiring a certain level of intervention, and: <p>There needs to be evidence that getting support now will help your child by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the impacts of your disability or developmental delay, and • Building your skills and independence. 	<p>Yes / No</p>
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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>).

