



Preparing for the NDIS in Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will start in Queensland from 1 July 2016. This factsheet provides background on the Scheme and information on the roll out in Queensland.

What is the NDIS?

The NDIS is a new way of providing individualised support for people with permanent and significant disability that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities. The Scheme is being implemented by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

The NDIS came out of grassroots campaigning, widespread community and political support and the Productivity Commission's 2011 landmark report recommending the reform of disability services in Australia.

How does the NDIS work?

The NDIS takes a flexible, whole-of-life approach working with eligible participants, their families and carers, to develop individualised plans. The NDIS provides participants with more choice and control over how, when and where their supports are provided. It also provides certainty that they will receive the support they need over their lifetime.

The NDIS works to connect participants with community and mainstream supports. The NDIS funds the additional reasonable and necessary supports to help participants pursue their goals and aspirations, and participate in daily life.



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Where is the NDIS currently available?

The NDIS is being introduced in stages, because it's a big change and it is important to get it right and make it sustainable.

There are currently seven trial sites across the country, in the ACT, Barkly in the Northern Territory, Perth Hills in Western Australia, the Hunter region in New South Wales, South Australia (for children aged 13 years and under), Tasmania (for young people aged 15 to 24) and in the Barwon region in Victoria.

When will the NDIS be available in Queensland?

The NDIS will roll out progressively in Queensland from 1 July 2016.

It is estimated that around 97,000 Queenslanders will be supported by the Scheme when it is fully rolled out.

The details on when people will phase into the NDIS will be in a bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth and Queensland governments, which is expected to be completed in December 2014.

Who can access the NDIS?

To access the NDIS, people need to meet the following requirements:

- have a permanent and significant disability that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities
- be aged less than 65 when you first access the NDIS
- be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen who holds a Protected Special Category Visa
- live in a trial site location (during the trial).

People can use My Access Checker (ndis.gov.au/my-access-checker) to find out if they might be able to receive assistance from the Scheme. People in Queensland will access the NDIS progressively from July 2016. Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people phase into the NDIS.

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What is currently happening in Queensland?

The NDIA has a presence in Brisbane and Townsville. The NDIA's Queensland team is working with people with disability, their families and carers, as well as the disability sector, providers and the Queensland Government, to start preparing for the NDIS.

The roll out of the NDIS in Queensland will benefit from the experiences of the existing trial sites as well as drawing on the expertise of Queensland's disability sector. The specific needs of Queenslanders with disability living in rural, regional and remote areas, and remote Indigenous communities will also help guide the Scheme's delivery in Queensland.

Where can I find more information?

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