



Changes to NDIS laws

What is changing from 3 October 2024

Easy Read version



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How to use this document



The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) wrote this document.

When you read the word 'we', it means the NDIA.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



We have written some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.



You can find the other document on our website.

www.ndis.gov.au/changes-ndis-legislation



You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

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Why are the laws changing?



The Australian Government has agreed to change some laws about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

These changes will:



- make the NDIS stronger



- improve the experience for **participants**.



Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.



Changes to the NDIS will start
on **3 October 2024.**

We will:



- tell you what you need to do



- support you as things change.

What will change?

NDIS supports



The laws change what 'NDIS supports' mean.



This would make it easier to understand how you can use your **NDIS funding**.

NDIS funding is the money from your NDIS plan that pays for the supports you need.



This change will affect all participants.



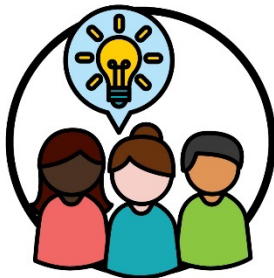
The change will mean you can only spend your NDIS funding on NDIS supports.



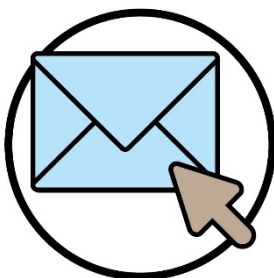
The Australian Government still need to confirm what NDIS supports will include.



The change will also make what you can't spend your NDIS funding on clearer.



The government will ask for the community's ideas before they make a final decision about the changes.



We will email you **before 3 October 2024** to tell you about the new rule.

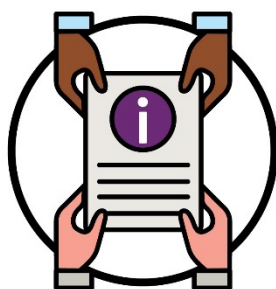
We will also help you to:



- understand the new rules



- find and use NDIS supports.



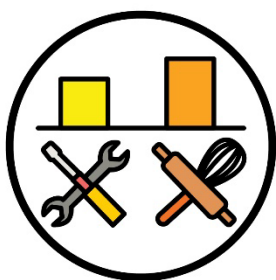
You might be able to use your NDIS funding for a support that isn't an NDIS support.

But we will share more information about this soon.

NDIS funding and plans



After 3 October 2024, new NDIS plans will show the total amount of NDIS funding participants will get.

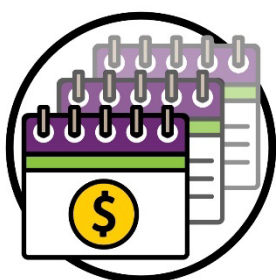


At the moment, NDIS plans only show how NDIS funding is split between each support.

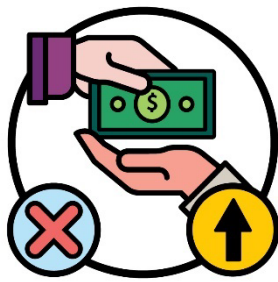
This change will make it easier to know:



- how much NDIS funding you have in total



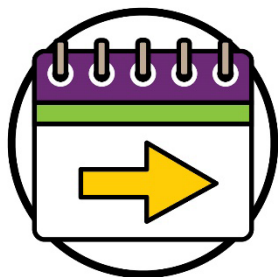
- how long your NDIS funding needs to last for.



You can't spend more NDIS funding than what your NDIS plan says.



All new NDIS plans created after **3 October 2024** will be **12 months** long.



In the future, some NDIS plans will be longer than **12 months**.

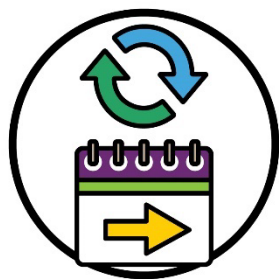
We will let you know when this changes.

When will things change?



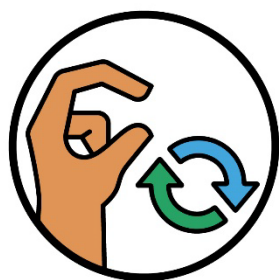
Some changes will happen on **3 October 2024**.

We explain what these things are on page [7](#).



Other changes will happen later.

We will let you know before these changes happen.



Not much will change about the way people experience the NDIS until later.

Until the changes happen on **3 October 2024**:



- keep using your NDIS funding how your NDIS plan tells you to



- all the laws about how the NDIS works are the same.



This includes rules on how we make decisions about NDIS plans and supports.

Where can you learn more about the changes?



You can learn more about these changes on our website.

www.ndis.gov.au/changes-ndis-legislation



We will share information about these changes in other ways soon.

This includes videos.



You can sign up to our newsletter.

We share the latest news about the NDIS here.

cloud.e.ndis.gov.au/newsletter_signup



You can also sign up to share what you think about these changes.



You can find out how to do this on our website

www.ndis.gov.au/community/have-your-say/participant-first-help-improve-ndis

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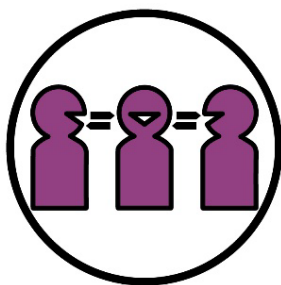
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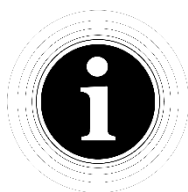
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