

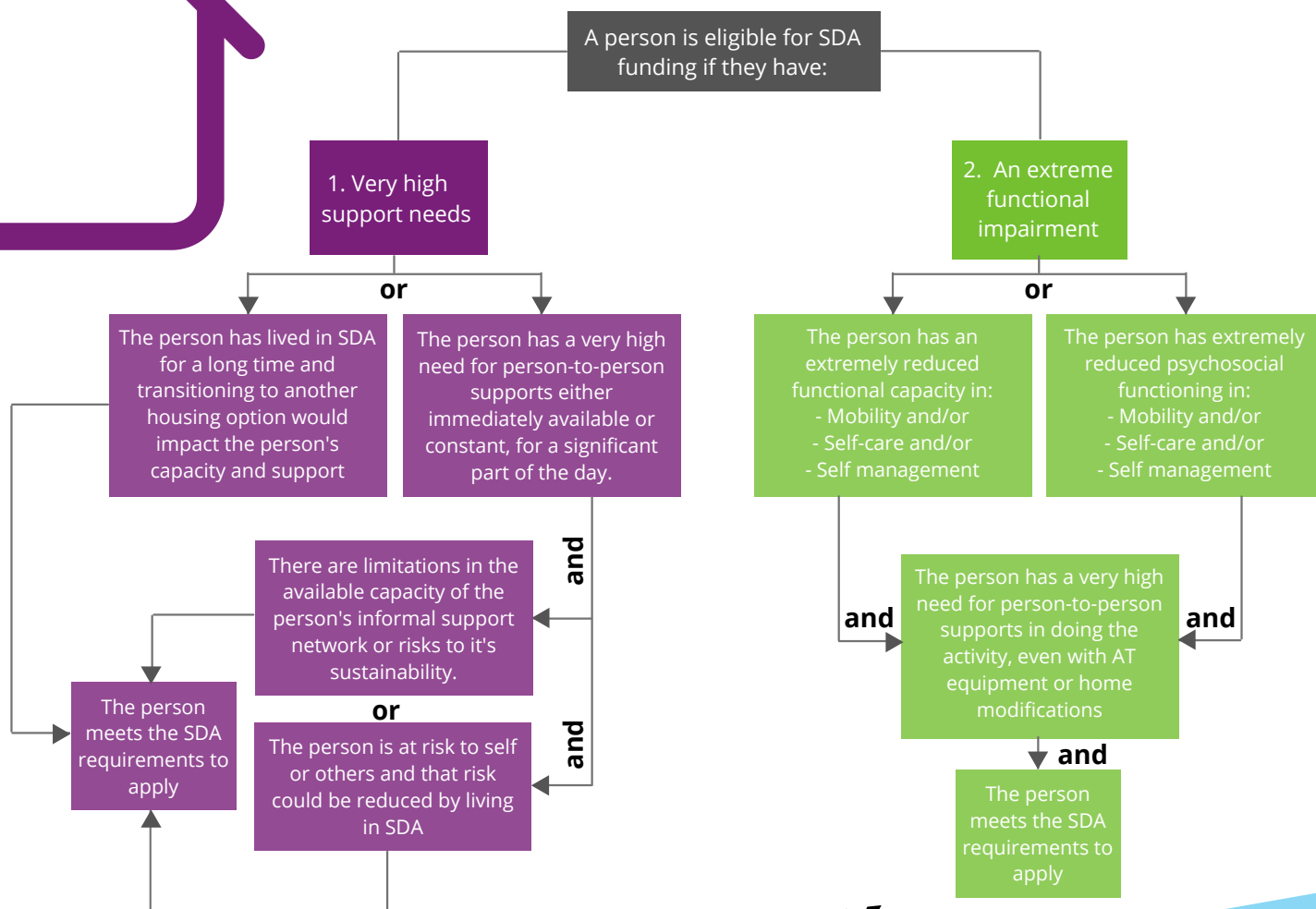
WHAT IS SDA?

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) refers to accommodation for people who require specialist housing solutions, including to assist with the delivery of supports that cater for their extreme functional impairment or very high support needs.

Funding is only provided to a small proportion of NDIS participants with extreme functional impairment or very high support needs who meet specific eligibility criteria.

SDA funding is not support services, but is rather funding for the homes in which these services are delivered.

SDA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



SDA FUNDING PATHWAY

The guide below is a brief overview of the SDA funding pathway for participants:



Do you have a housing goal in your NDIS plan?

For you to be assessed for SDA funding, you must have a housing goal written into your current NDIS plan. If you do not have a housing goal, you will need to request a plan review to have this added. This plan review should include a request for funding (outlined below) to collate the supporting evidence for your SDA funding application.



Do you have funding to cover an SDA application?

To submit an application to the NDIS for SDA funding, a Support Coordinator and other AHPs (allied health professionals) will need to undertake an assessment and put together a housing plan. If you do not have funding for this application, you will need to request a plan review. You may have this funding listed in your NDIS plan under capacity building supports, Housing exploration, Explore your housing options, or another line item.



SDA application and Housing Plan are put together

Your Support Coordinator and AHPs will gather evidence in support of your eligibility for SDA housing, and will create a Housing Plan (SDA funding application) for submission to the NDIS.



NDIS reviews Housing Plan

The NDIS will decide whether providing you with SDA payments will assist you to reach your housing (and other) goals in your NDIS plan based on the content of your application. If they decide you are eligible for SDA payments they will look for information in your Housing Plan to decide which SDA housing design category will best suit your needs.

There are five SDA housing design categories:

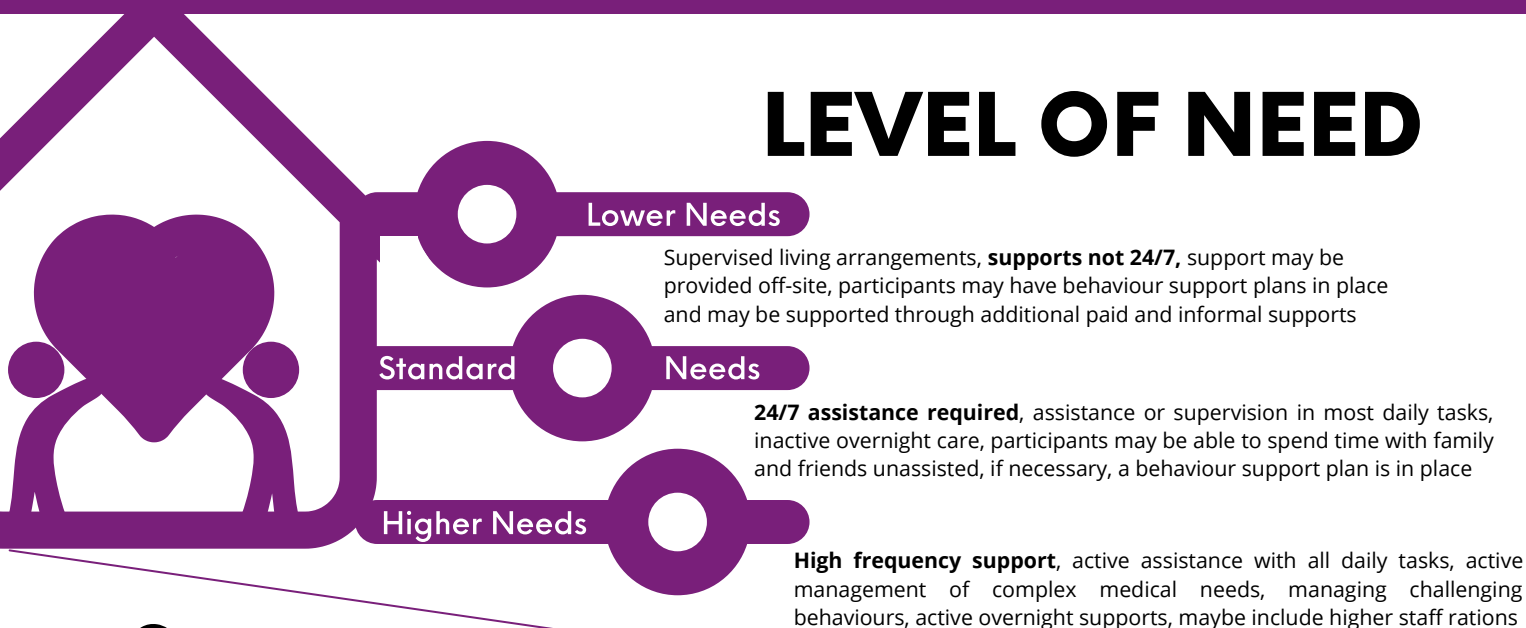
- Basic** – do not have special design features. Basic dwellings built before the NDIS started. You have lived here before, and choose to continue living here.
- Improved Liveability** – includes better physical access. It has more features for people with sensory, intellectual or cognitive impairments.
- Fully Accessible** – includes a high level of physical access features for people with lots of physical challenges.
- Robust** - includes a high level of physical access. It must be strong and durable, reducing repairs and upkeep. Suits people with behaviours of concern.
- High Physical** - includes a high level of physical access for people with significant physical impairment, requiring very high levels of support.

WHAT IS SIL?

Supported Independent Living (SIL) is the support and/or supervision of daily tasks to help participants live as independently as possible, while building their capacity. It is the paid personal support and is most commonly used in a shared living arrangement, with 2 to 7 people.

- Supports are provided independently to each person
- Each person can choose a separate SIL provider
- Funding is based on the number of people in the house and the participants level of needs
- Funding for housing (SDA) is separate from funding for supports (SIL)
- A person with SIL maybe eligible for SDA funding
- It is expected that the SDA provider is separate from the SIL provider

LEVEL OF NEED



STEPS TO CONSIDER



Participant

- Goals and outcomes
- Routines
- Support needs
- History of behaviour, if applicable



Hours of support

- Individual and shared
- Irregular support (e.g. participant becomes unwell)
- Staff roster



Total cost

- Consider exclusions (e.g. rent, utilities and food)
- Provide evidence of support needs
- Include participant in determining quote

Evidence

- Clinical assessments and reports
- Behavioural assessments/plans
- Incident reports
- Police reports
- Risk assessments
- Statement from previous provider (if applicable)
- Standardised assessments

SIL PROCESS

