

Various NDIS Links and Resources

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has two parts:

- NDIS plans for eligible people with a disability, and
- Information, linkages and capacity building or ILC.

Both parts contribute to the overall goal of the NDIS to enable people with disability to live an ordinary life. The focus of ILC is community inclusion – making sure people with disability are connected into their communities. ILC is all about making sure our community becomes more accessible and inclusive of people with disability.

NDIA want to do this in two ways:

- Personal capacity building – this is about making sure people with disability and their families have the skills, resources and confidence they need to participate in the community or access the same kind of opportunities or services as other people.
- Community capacity building – this is about making sure mainstream services or community organisations become more inclusive of people with disability.

Unlike the rest of the NDIS, ILC doesn't provide funding to individuals. NDIA instead, provide grants to organisations to carry out activities in the community. Many of the activities that NDIA fund in ILC will be available to both people with disability and families. Providing information about a particular disability or condition on a website or through a phone line, for example, will help both people with disability as well as family members. And the activities NDIA fund to build the capacity of mainstream services and community activities to be more inclusive will benefit all people with disability, as well as their families and carers.

While NDIA want ILC activities to help lots of people, we will also fund some activities that include people who do not have an NDIS plan so they can get the help they need.

The Roll-Out:

The NDIS will become available in the Bayside Peninsula area from 1 April 2018. A person may meet the access requirements to become a participant of the NDIS up to 6 months prior to this date.

The Bayside Peninsula area covers the local government areas of:

- Bayside
- Frankston
- Glen Eira
- Kingston
- Mornington Peninsula
- Port Phillip
- Stonnington

Access Request Form and Supporting Evidence Form

An official Access Request Form or Supporting Evidence Form can only be provided by the National Disability Insurance Agency, however, you can explore some sample forms here:

<https://reimagine.today/step-4/access-request-form-and-supporting-evidence-form>

Everyone who wants to access the NDIS will have to complete an Access Request Form and/or Supporting Evidence Form.

If you do not currently receive disability support services, you will complete an Access Request Form. If you currently receive disability services, you will complete a Supporting Evidence Form; but only if the National Disability Insurance Agency feels that they don't know you or your needs well enough. The forms will gather your personal details, contact information, information about your supporters and details about your disability.

There are different ways you can complete an Access Request Form. Some people choose to complete the form over the phone. The National Disability Insurance Agency representative will ask you questions, and through working with you, they will complete the form for you. Questions will be asked to:

- Confirm your identity and/or a person's authority to act on your behalf
- Confirm your agreement to enter the NDIS
- Seek permission to gather information about you from other people (eg, your family, current support provider, GP or other health worker)
- Determine if you meet the NDIS access requirements (this may relate to your age, residence, and disability).

NDIS Access Checklist

The questions via this link: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist.html> will help you work out if you could access the NDIS.

Getting plan ready: <http://carersaustralia.com.au/ndis-and-carers/the-ndis-process/getting-plan-ready>

This link has information relating to:

- What to consider bringing along to a planning meeting
- Carers Checklist
- NDIS Planning Workbook
- NDIS Support Coordination definition
- Pre-Planning Workbook examples
- Infographic of the NDIS Journey

NDIS Planning tools and workbooks:

<https://www.everythingcarers.org.au/resources/ndis-planning-resources>

This link has a collection of tools and workbooks to assist you to help the person you care for to prepare for the NDIS. Some of the tools and workbooks include:

- Introduction to the NDIS
- Work (employment) Workbook
- Lifelong Learning Workbook
- Online NDIS Planning Tool
- NDIS Information and Checklist
- NDIS Planning Workbook

Complaints: If you are having issues with any Victorian disability service providers, including service providers who are NDIS providers, you have the right to make a complaint. Visit <http://www.odsc.vic.gov.au/ndis/> for more information on this.

Free and upcoming local NDIS Information sessions: These information sessions are designed to help people with disability, as well as their families and carers, get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme which will commence in your area from 1 April 2018.

The session will cover topics such as:

- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
- What kind of support can I access through the NDIS?
- Accessing the NDIS

- The roll out of NDIS in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston areas

The session will be delivered in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Local Councils and The Brotherhood of St Laurence (NDIS community partner). This is an opportunity for you to bring your questions along and have them answered by our team members. Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/ndis-13270031509> to find information sessions being hosted in:

- Dingley Village, 2nd November 2017
- Caulfield, 8th November 2017
- Clarinda, 9th November 2017
- Moorabbin, 15th November 2017
- Frankston, 23rd November 2017

Upcoming NDIS information sessions and events can always be found at:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/events/vic>

Find registered NDIS service providers: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/document/finding-and-engaging-providers/find-registered-service-providers>. This link will allow you to view lists of all providers currently registered with the NDIS as at 31 August 2017. These lists are updated every three months. The next update is scheduled for 30 November 2017 and will be published by mid-December 2017.

Please Note: A provider is an individual or organisation delivering a support or a product to a participant of the NDIS. Organisations or individuals can apply to be a registered provider with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Registered providers of supports have met requirements regarding qualifications, approvals, experience and capacity for the approved supports.

School Leaver Employment Support (SLES): The NDIS funds reasonable and necessary supports that help a participant to reach their goals, objectives and aspirations. School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) is a reasonable and necessary support for Year 12 school leavers, to assist them transition from school and reach their employment goals. Supports may include work experience, generally in open employment, job skills training, travel training and activities that contribute to achieving an employment outcome. Participants can have SLES and other reasonable and necessary funded supports in their NDIS plan. They also have choice and control over how they use funded supports in their plan. This includes choice of how the supports are given and which service provider/s they select to achieve their goals.

Helpful SLES Documents and Links:

- What is SLES? - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/sles>. This link provides information relating to what SLES is and what it can support as well as provides links to:
 - School Leaver Employment Support - information graphic
 - General overview
 - Factsheet Teachers and Students
 - Questionnaire for teachers
 - FAQs
 - Information booklet
 - Information recording consent form
- Functional Capacity Assessment & Employment Pathway Questionnaire Guide for Teachers, August 2017 - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/ha8/ha7/8803443277854/SLES-Assessment-and-Questionnaire.pdf>
- School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) Participant and provider FAQs, Updated April 2017 - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/h50/h10/8800937836574/SLES-Participant-FAQs-Updated-April-2017.pdf>

SLES Presentation: This presentation was as part of the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) monthly 101 NDIS Information Sessions. If you would like to access the slides, click on the attached links via: <http://ndis.bsl.org.au/school-leaver-employment-supports> . For further information on BSLs monthly 101 NDIS information sessions, contact them at NDIS.Info@bsl.org.au or keep an eye on their upcoming events page: <http://ndis.bsl.org.au/resources/events/>

Local Area Coordination (LAC):

If you need to access the NDIS, Local Area Coordinators can help you start this journey.

Local Area Coordination will be delivered by NDIA's Partners in the Community. Partners and the NDIA will work closely to build and improve the way the Scheme is delivered to make sure it works for people with disability in the best possible way.

The Partners in the Community Program enables the Scheme to be implemented at a local community level. The NDIA partners with suitably experienced and qualified organisations, with strong local knowledge and understanding of the needs of people with disability or developmental delay, to deliver Local Area Coordination under the Program.

Local Area Coordination (LAC) is an important part of the supports and activities that will be available to people with disability and their communities as they transition to the NDIS. It is designed to support people with disability to explore and build an ordinary life within their communities. For more information on LAC services visit the Local Area Coordination Page at:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/communities/local-area-coordination.html>

Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) in the Partners in the Community organisation delivering LAC services in North East Melbourne, Hume Moreland, and Bayside Peninsula. More information about the BSL LAC service is available via: <http://ndis.bsl.org.au>

Who funds what?:

This guide - <https://www.coag.gov.au/sites/default/files/communique/NDIS-Principles-to-Determine-Responsibilities-NDIS-and-Other-Service.pdf> from The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) helps to explain the principles to determine the responsibilities of the NDIS and other service systems, including:

- Health
- Mental health
- Early childhood development
- Child protection and family support
- School education
- Higher education and Vocational Education and Training
- Employment
- Housing and community infrastructure
- Transport
- Justice
- Aged care

The NDIS website has a list of supports they will and will not fund in relation to:

- School Education - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/planning/appendix.html#school-education>
- Higher education, vocational education and training - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/planning/appendix.html#higher-education>
- Transport - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/planning/appendix.html#transport>

- Employment - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/planning/appendix.html#employment>

Supports the NDIS will Fund in Relation to Education - www.ndis.gov.au/document/supports-ndis-will-fund-relation-2. This fact sheet provides information on what supports the NDIS will fund in relation to education and how to determine whether a support is funded by the NDIS or the school education system.

NDIS Q&A

The NDIS is a big change for Australians with disability and their families and carers. Every week we the NDIA asked questions on their social media channels, website and through the contact centre. NDIA incorporate the answers into the relevant pages of the NDIS website, and publish each week's questions in a news item on the website called the 'Weekly Q and A'. Viewable at: https://www.ndis.gov.au/latest_news.html. You can submit questions through a weekly Q & A posts on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NDISAus> or through twitter #ndisqanda.

Factsheets and Publications

The NDIS website has a large number of Factsheets and Publications available via: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/fact-sheets-and-publications.html>

Factsheets and Publications relate to the following areas:

- Roll out information
- For participants
- Easy English factsheets for participants
- Getting ready to do your first NDIS plan
- Starting your NDIS plan
- More NDIS information
- Connecting with the mainstream
- NDIA Operational Documents
- NDIA Quarterly Reports
- NDIA Privacy Policy
- For Providers
- GPs and Health Professionals

Examples of NDIS services and support

Real life stories of participants involved with the NDIS are available via:

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/examples-services-and-support.html>