



# Individuals, Families, Carers Information sheet 2A

Relevant for those within a previous WA-National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) site – known as a transfer site.

## WA NDIS:

- The roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Western Australia, operated by the WA Department of Communities (Disability Services).
- The WA NDIS commenced in July 2014 with trial sites in the Cockburn-Kwinana and Lower South West areas. The WA NDIS ceased accepting new participants on 30 June 2018.

## Australia-wide NDIS:

- The roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia, operated by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).
- The NDIA commenced delivering the NDIS in WA with a trial site in the Perth Hills area. From 1 July 2018, the NDIA assumed responsibility for the delivery of the NDIS in WA and is rolling this out on a geographical basis, in accordance with the [NDIS Schedule: Western Australia](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) ([www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > NDIS in WA > Helpful documents).

## What does this change mean for me as I am in the WA NDIS?

All people currently connected to the WA NDIS have been sent a letter from the West Australian government asking them to give consent to transfer to the Australia-wide NDIS, operated by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Giving consent means that individuals within the WA NDIS can easily transfer their plan and continue to access the support they need.

People who transfer from the WA NDIS to the Australia-wide NDIS will experience minimal change. Their WA NDIS plan will be transferred into the Australia-wide NDIS.

Individuals with a WA NDIS plan have started to transfer to the Australia-wide NDIS in a phased approach, which began in April 2018. The transfer of people from the WA NDIS is intended to be completed by December 2018.



Information sessions will be available for people in the WA NDIS. The details of these sessions will be promoted on the [events in WA](#) website ([www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) > News > WA > Events page), in newspapers and on social media.

## **How will people in the former WA NDIS transfer to the NDIA?**

In January 2018, WA NDIS participants were sent a letter from the WA Government informing them that the NDIA will be rolling out the Australia-wide NDIS in WA and that their consent would be sought to transfer to the Australia-wide NDIS.

WA NDIS Local Coordinators have been progressively contacting WA NDIS participants to confirm they give consent to move into the Australia-wide NDIS and to transfer their WA NDIS plan to the NDIA. Consent can be made in writing, over the telephone or face-to-face.

The NDIA is notified when people give consent to transfer to the Australia-wide NDIS and their details such as name, date of birth, address and phone number are sent to the NDIA. The NDIA will then contact the person via phone to organise a time to discuss the transfer of their WA NDIS plan.

The transfer process involves information from WA NDIS plans being moved from WA's systems to NDIA's systems. It is important to make sure information about the participant and the supports and funding in their WA NDIS plan is accurately reflected in the NDIA system. The plan transfer meeting is an opportunity for a NDIA planner and the participant to discuss the transfer process.

## **Can I keep seeing my Local Coordinator?**

Your Local Coordinator will continue to be your main point of contact until the planning process with the NDIA is complete and your Australia-wide NDIS plan is approved.

## **What is the format of the plan transfer meeting?**

To begin the process of your transfer from the WA NDIS, the NDIA will contact you to ask how you would like to have your transfer meeting, who you would like to attend the meeting and where to have the meeting.

A plan transfer meeting will be arranged with you and a NDIA planner and anyone else that you would like to have participate (e.g. a family member or service provider). Your Local Coordinator can attend this meeting to support you if you wish. This meeting will discuss what supports you are receiving and any specific or special information.

You and your service provider/s can prepare for the transfer meeting by having information ready about the nature, duration and days when supports are provided to share with the NDIA.



## What types of supports are / aren't funded?

The [types of supports](#) that may or may not be funded are available on the NDIS website ([www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) > Participants > What are reasonable and necessary supports).

## I am 65 years old and have a WA NDIS plan, will I transfer to the Australia-wide NDIS?

If you were under 65 years old when you joined the WA NDIS, you will transfer to the Australia-wide NDIS. The NDIS is a lifelong program.

## Will support coordination be included as part of the transfer?

As each plan is transferred, the need for support coordination and support connection will be considered and included if it is considered reasonable and necessary.

## What happens with mobility allowance?

People with a WA NDIS plan who are eligible for mobility allowance will have this converted to a funding amount for transport within their NDIS plan. The amount will be what is considered reasonable and necessary.

## Further information

If you have not yet transferred to the NDIA, you can contact your Local Coordinator in the first instance for further information.

Additional [questions and answers](#) are also provided by the NDIA on their website, which may assist with addressing enquiries from individuals, families/carers ([www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) > About us > Western Australia – Questions and answers).

To find out more about the Australia-wide NDIS, please contact the NDIA via the [contact form](#) or phone 1800 800 110 (Freecall).