



# Eligibility for people aged 65 years or older

## Fact sheet

**The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) began rolling out across Western Australia from 1 July 2017. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will assume responsibility for the NDIS in WA from 1 July 2018. All eligible people will have access to the Scheme by 2020.**

You need to be under the age of 65 when the NDIS rolls out into your area and you request to access the Scheme.

To find out when the NDIS will roll-out into your area, visit the website [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > NDIS > NDIS roll-out schedule.

## **I already receive State Government-funded or provided disability supports. Am I eligible?**

Whether you are eligible to participate in the NDIS depends on your age, where you live and either your disability or early intervention requirements.

You may be eligible to join the NDIS if:

- you are already receiving State Government-funded or provided disability services; and
- you are younger than 65 years when the NDIS rolls out into your area and you request to access the Scheme. If you turn 65 before this time, you are not eligible.

## **I currently receive disability supports but am not eligible due to my age. What now?**

To be eligible you need to:

- be an Australian citizen or have a permanent visa or a protected Special Category Visa (subclass 444); and
- permanently live in an area where the NDIS is available.

## **I will turn 65 after I join the NDIS. What next?**

If you are found eligible for the NDIS and then turn 65, you can continue to access NDIS supports. If you turn 65 after entering the NDIS, and then have increased support needs, your Local Coordinator will discuss with you whether your need for support is related to your disability or could be better met by another system such as aged care.



## Further information

- **Visit:** [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au)
- **Email:** [WANDIS@dsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:WANDIS@dsc.wa.gov.au)
- **Call:** 1800 996 214
- **TTY:** 9426 9315
- **Am I Eligible?:** This online tool allows you to check your potential eligibility for the NDIS. Go to [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) and click on **Am I Eligible?**

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