



# Am I Eligible?

## 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.**

To access the NDIS, people with disability (including permanent mental health disability) need to meet certain eligibility requirements. These are based on age, residence and either disability or early intervention requirements.

### Age requirements

You need to be aged less than 65 years at the time of your eligibility request to access the NDIS.

### Residence requirements

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.

The NDIS is currently available in the following local government areas:

- **Kimberley-Pilbara:** Ashburton, Broome, Derby-West Kimberley, East Pilbara, Halls Creek, Port Hedland, Wyndham-East Kimberley and Karratha.
- **South Metro:** Mandurah, Rockingham, Armadale, Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale.
- **South West (lower part):** Augusta-Margaret River, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Busselton, Donnybrook-Balingup, Manjimup and Nannup.
- **Central South Metro (part):** Cockburn and Kwinana.
- **North East Metro:** Bassendean, Bayswater, Kalamunda, Mundaring and Swan.
- **Wheatbelt (part):** Chittering, Northam, Toodyay and York.

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.



## Disability or Early Intervention requirements

You meet the disability requirements for the NDIS if you have a disability that:

- is caused by an intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or to one or more impairments caused by a psychiatric condition; **and**
- the impairment or impairments are, or are likely to be, permanent; **and**
- you are likely to require support for your lifetime.

Alternatively, you meet the early intervention requirements if you:

- have one or more intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairments that are, or are likely to be, permanent; or
- have one or more impairments that are caused by a psychiatric condition and are, or are likely to be, permanent; or
- are a child who has developmental delay.

These are the basic eligibility requirements only. For further information, please go to [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > NDIS > Eligibility. You can also complete the Am I Eligible? checker to get an idea of your potential eligibility.

## 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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