



# WA National Disability Insurance Scheme

## Am I Eligible?

The NDIS began rolling out across Western Australia from 1 July 2017. All eligible people will have access to the scheme by 2020.

To participate in the NDIS, people with disability (including psychosocial disability) need to meet certain eligibility requirements. These are based on age, residence and either disability or early intervention requirements and are the same across Australia.

### Age requirements

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

### Residence requirements

To be eligible for the NDIS you need to be:

- an Australian citizen or the holder of a permanent visa or a protected Special Category Visa (subclass 444); and
- permanently residing in an area where the NDIS operates.

In 2017-18, the NDIS is 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 and Rockingham.
- **Existing WA NDIS sites:** Augusta-Margaret River, Boyup Brook, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Busselton, Donnybrook-Balingup, Manjimup, Nannup, Cockburn, Kwinana, Armadale, Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale.
- **Perth Hills and surrounds:** Bassendean, Bayswater, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Swan, Chittering, Northam, Toodyay and York for people not already connected to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

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) > WA 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 attributable to an intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or to one or more impairments attributable to 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 identified intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairments that are, or are likely to be, permanent; or
- have one or more identified impairments that are attributable to 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) > WA NDIS > Eligibility. You can also complete the Am I Eligible? checker to get an idea of your potential eligibility.

## Do you live in the Perth Hills?

From 1 July 2017, the WA NDIS commenced in the Perth Hills and surrounding areas (the local government areas of Swan, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Bayswater, Bassendean, Chittering, Toodyay, Northam and York) for eligible people with disability who are not currently connected to the NDIA.

People with disability who are not connected with the NDIA are encouraged to contact their local office to test their eligibility with the WA NDIS:

<b>Bayswater Office</b> Phone: 6466 4420 TTY: 9426 9315 Email: <a href="mailto:Admin_Bayswater@dsc.wa.gov.au">Admin_Bayswater@dsc.wa.gov.au</a>	<b>Northam Office</b> Phone: 96212696 TTY: 9426 9315 Email: <a href="mailto:Admin_Northam@dsc.wa.gov.au">Admin_Northam@dsc.wa.gov.au</a>
<b>Midland Office</b> Phone: 6140 9601 TTY: 9426 9315 Email: <a href="mailto:Admin_Midland@dsc.wa.gov.au">Admin_Midland@dsc.wa.gov.au</a>	

If you are already connected with the NDIA you will continue to be supported by the NDIA NDIS until arrangements for transition are finalised. All NDIA NDIS trial participants who require further information about their access request or plan should contact the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

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## 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 people to check their 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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