



# WA National Disability Insurance Scheme

## WA NDIS extension and expansion

In April 2016 the State and Commonwealth governments announced an extension and expansion of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia.

### The background

Western Australia has been participating in comparative trials of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) since July 2014 and thousands of West Australians with disability have benefited from the flexibility, choice and control the NDIS offers.

The two models being trialled in WA are the State Government's WA NDIS, and the Commonwealth Government's National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) NDIS. Both trials were due to end on 30 June 2016.

In April 2016 the State and Commonwealth Governments announced an extension and expansion to the existing arrangements as well as agreement that a phased, state-wide roll-out of the NDIS is anticipated to commence in WA from July 2017.

### About the extension

The State Government's WA NDIS trial operating in the Lower South West and Cockburn-Kwinana area has been extended by 12 months, to 30 June 2017. The NDIA NDIS trial operating in the Perth Hills has also been extended by the same timeframe.

### About the expansion

On 1 October 2016 the WA NDIS will expand to include three new local government areas, Armadale, Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale. From 1 January 2017 the NDIA NDIS trial will expand to include the local government areas of Bayswater, Bassendean, York, Chittering, Northam and Toodyay.

By 30 June 2017 it is estimated that around 11,000 people with disability across 21 local government areas will be eligible to participate in the NDIS in WA.

## Who can take part in the extended and expanded WA NDIS trial?

To participate in the WA NDIS trial you need to meet certain eligibility requirements. These are based on age, residence, disability and/or early intervention needs.

You may be eligible if you:

- currently receive Commission-funded or provided supports and services and are under 65 years of age at the time the WA NDIS started in your area.
- have not sought Commission funded disability supports previously and request to join the trial before you turn 65. Please refer to the 'Eligibility for people 65 and over' fact sheet.
- are an Australian citizen or the holder of a permanent visa or a protected Special Category Visa (subclass 444).
- have a disability that is permanent, or likely to be permanent.
- permanently reside/resided in the trial area at the start of the trial in your local area.

These dates are:

- 1 October 2016 for Armadale, Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale
- 1 July 2015 for Cockburn-Kwinana
- 1 July 2014 for the Lower South West

These are the basic eligibility requirements only. For more information, visit [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > WA NDIS > Eligibility. You can also complete the Am I Eligible? checker to test your potential eligibility.

To find out if you are eligible to participate in the NDIA NDIS trial, please visit [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au).

## The future of the NDIS in WA

West Australians with disability can have certainty that the NDIS is on its way to them.

As part of the joint announcement in April 2016 it was agreed that a phased, state-wide roll-out of the NDIS is anticipated to commence in WA from July 2017. Both the State and Commonwealth governments have agreed to finalise arrangements for this by late 2016.

## 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 test their potential eligibility for WA NDIS. Go to [www.disability.wa.gov.au](http://www.disability.wa.gov.au) > WA NDIS and click on **Am I Eligible?** It also provides contact details for State Government disability services throughout WA.
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