



Glossary of NDIS terms

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is the collective term for all people who identify and are recognised as descendants of the original inhabitants of Australia and acknowledges the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups in Australia.

Access requirements

Also known as 'eligibility requirements,' is the criteria a person must meet to become a participant in the NDIS.

Assistive Technology (AT)

Assistive technology is the term used to cover aids, equipment and technology that provide practical solutions to everyday activities for people with disability.

Bilateral agreement

An agreement between the Commonwealth and jurisdictional Governments regarding roles and responsibilities for the transition to full coverage of an NDIS in Australia. The WA NDIS Bilateral Agreement is between the Commonwealth and the State Government of WA.

Block funding

A method of funding to a provider that funds a level of service (i.e. number of places or number of beds). The funded service can take account of the individual needs of people (e.g. case-based funding) but the funding is not controlled by the individual service recipient.

Carer

A person who provides ongoing care, support and assistance to a person with disability, a chronic illness (which includes mental illness) or who is frail, without receiving a salary or wage for the care they provide.



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Cash contribution to NDIS

Cash funding provided by State and the Commonwealth to the NDIS. See In Kind Contribution (a non-cash contribution from jurisdictions to the NDIS).

Choice and control

Enables participants to control the supports they receive and to choose how support is provided. This can also involve a range of options from choosing providers to managing their own support funding, choosing types and timing of provision support, which provider and how payments will be administered.

Co-design

A design process which empowers, encourages and guides users to develop solutions for themselves.

Council of Australian Governments (COAG)

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) is the peak intergovernmental forum in Australia. The members of COAG are the Prime Minister, State and Territory Premiers and Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association.

Continuity of support

People with disability, their families and carers will be provided with continuity of support that will ensure that the support they receive once the NDIS is introduced will enable them to achieve similar outcomes to the outcomes they were aiming to achieve prior to the introduction of the NDIS.

Data standard

The information being sought by the NDIS about existing clients funded for supports by States and Territories to assist with streamlined intake, access and planning processes.



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Defined programs

Approved Commonwealth, State and Territory programs whereby people receiving support from these programs can transition to the NDIS without a requirement to provide evidence of disability because the eligibility of these programs align with NDIS disability criteria.

Disability staff

Refers to all WA Government disability staff materially affected by the national rollout of the NDIS, regardless of whether the roles are directly involved in the delivery of services to clients.

Eligibility requirements

Also known as ‘access requirements,’ is the criteria a person must meet to become a participant in the NDIS.

Evidence Base

The evidentiary base for decision making by NDIA personnel, including whether a person meets the access criteria and is eligible for funding for reasonable and necessary supports, as well as the factual information compiled by the NDIA from its experience in trial sites, data collection and independent research.

Full scheme

The dates by which the scheme will be available to all eligible residents.

In-kind contribution

Contributions from jurisdictions and the Commonwealth to NDIS which are not in the form of cash but instead are in the form of providing support to individuals on behalf of the NDIS through existing government programs.

Partners in the Community (PITC)

PITCs build relationships with people with disability and their families and carers; help build and support informal support systems; and connect people with mainstream services and local, community-based supports. PITCs assist participants to implement and manage



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their plans and will monitor their progress, when necessary. PITCs also have an on-going role in community education and community capacity building and be an important source of information about the on-the-ground effect of the NDIS.

Mainstream Interface Applied Principles and Tables of Support (APTOS)

The interactions of the NDIS with other service systems that reinforce the obligations of other service delivery systems to improve the lives of people with disability, in line with the National Disability Strategy.

National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

The NDIA is an independent statutory body whose role is to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), which will support a better life for hundreds of thousands of Australians with a significant and permanent disability and their families and carers.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS is an insurance scheme created to provide assistance for persons or entities for the purpose of assisting people with disability to realise their potential for physical, social, emotional and intellectual development, and to fully participate in social and economic life.

NDIS Rules

NDIS Rules will give practical effect to the intent of the NDIS Act 2013.

Outcomes Framework

The NDIA's mechanism for measuring success for people with disability in areas like choice and control, social inclusion, education, employment, health and housing.

Participant

A person becomes a participant in the NDIS on the day the CEO determines the person meets the access criteria and has been assessed as satisfying the criteria as per the NDIS Act 2013 criteria.



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Planning process

The process in which the NDIA helps a participant to plan the assistance they need from the NDIS to attain their goals.

Provider

An organisation or individual who provides support and/or care, aids and equipment. The provider may directly supply the support (NDIS Funded Provider) or assist with the management of an NDIS participant's plan (Plan Management Agent). Providers can offer a range of support services and operate in a single location or multiple locations.

System stewardship

System stewardship refers to the responsible planning, management and administration of existing government functions through the transition to the NDIS.

Quality and Safeguards Framework

The NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework provides a nationally consistent approach to help empower and support NDIS participants to exercise choice and control, while ensuring appropriate safeguards are in place and establishes expectations for providers and their staff to deliver high quality supports.

Reasonable and necessary supports

Defined as the most appropriate, cost-effective support to enable a participant's social and economic participation. The NDIA publishes operational guidelines to assist decisions on what is to be funded as a reasonable and necessary support by NDIS in a participant's plan. For supports to be reasonable and necessary they must meet all elements of the test set out in s34 of the NDIS Act 2013.

Rural and Remote

The Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Areas classification is based on the Modified Monash Model (MMM) that has seven categories based primarily on population numbers and an index of remoteness.



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Service Delivery Operating Model (SDOM)

The SDOM is the overarching design of how the agency will operate, at a service delivery level, to best deliver on the intent of the NDIS. The design of the SDOM seeks to ensure the agency administers the NDIS in a fair, flexible and cost-efficient way.

Supported accommodation

Accommodation support options range from a low level of formal support provided every few days (for example, in-home and drop-in support services), through to support provided 24 hours a day.

Transfer plan

The transfer plan operationalises the transfer of WA NDIS participants to the NDIS. It covers the period 1 April to 31 December 2018.

Transfer activities

Activities undertaken to support the transfer of existing WA NDIS participants and providers to the NDIS.

Transition activities

Activities undertaken to support people with disability and service providers to access and operate within the NDIS (excluding transfer activities).