



# National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

## Getting ready for Tasmania's NDIS roll out



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## The acronyms – who we are and what we do

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) administers the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



It's the **NDIA's** job is to:

- Deliver the NDIS
- Build community awareness around disability
- Ensure NDIS financial sustainability
- Develop and enhance the disability sector

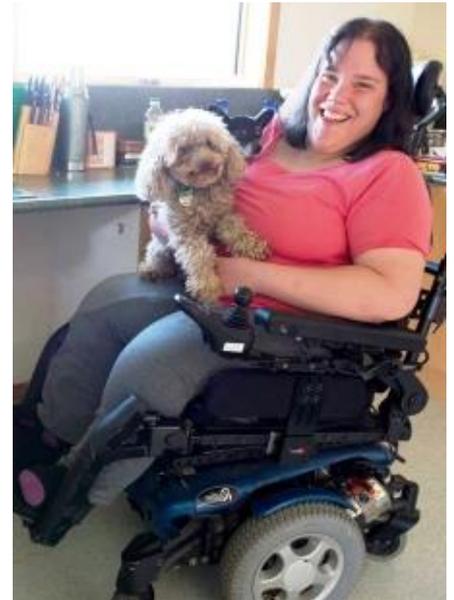
The NDIA Board governs the NDIS.

## Tasmania's roll out details, from 1 July 2016

- On **3 December 2015**, the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments agreed to roll out the NDIS in Tasmania.
- The NDIS will become available for additional Tasmanians, from 1 July 2016, by age, over three years.
- It is essential to introduce the NDIS in stages - it's a big change and it's important to get it right and make it sustainable.
- **By July 2019**, it is estimated **over 10,500** Tasmanians with disability will transition to the NDIS.
- Already, from **1 July 2013**, the NDIS has provided support to **over 1000** Tasmanians with disability, aged **15 to 24**.

## When will you transition

- From **1 July 2016**, children aged **12 to 14** enter.
- From **1 January 2017**, adults aged **25 to 28** enter.
- From **1 July 2017**, children aged **4 to 11** enter.
- From **1 January 2018**, adults aged **29 to 34** enter.
- From **1 July 2018**, children aged **0 to 3** and adults aged **35 to 49** enter.
- From **1 January 2019**, adults aged **50 to 64** enter.
- By **July 2019**, the NDIS will cover all eligible Tasmanians from **0 to 64**.



## Transitioning to the NDIS continued

Eligible residents in shared supported accommodation will access the NDIS together on a house-by-house basis.

Tasmanian Gateway Services will assist people to connect with services and prepare.

Existing services and supports will continue until you start your NDIS plan.

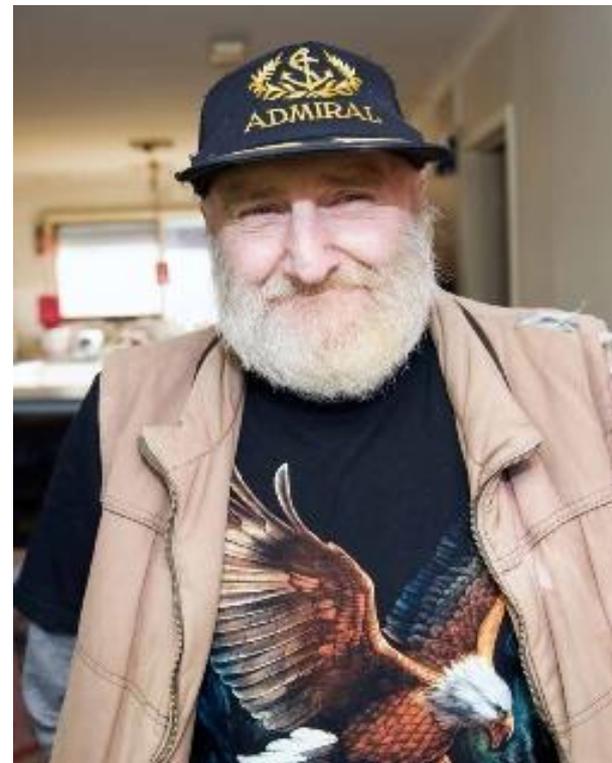


## People age 65 and over – where to from here?

People aged 65 and over, currently accessing a disability service, will get continuity of support consistent with their current arrangements.

If you are not NDIS eligible, you can still engage with existing Australian and State Government disability services around your support needs.

Visit **[dss.gov.au](https://dss.gov.au)** to find out more.



## How the NDIS works with mainstream systems

The NDIS will not duplicate supports or services other mainstream systems provide, like health and aged care.

Where possible we assist participants to access mainstream systems.



Key principles determine whether the NDIS or another system is more appropriate to fund particular supports.

A participant's plan may include a range of supports provided by informal, mainstream and community networks. The NDIS may fund some of these.

## Accessing the NDIS – proof of disability

So we can determine if you meet NDIS eligibility, you will need to provide the NDIA with evidence of your disability.

Given the NDIS is funded by taxpayers money, we need to ensure people who really need support get it, and the Scheme remains sustainable for future generations to come.



## Prior to your NDIS transition



Start thinking about your goals and what you would like to achieve.

Knowing what goals you would like to achieve helps you think about the supports/services you may need to do it.

Your initial plan might include the same supports and services you currently get. If this is the case, it will give you time to think about how those supports are working for you and if you need any more included in your next plan.

## NDIS preparation

If you are eligible to enter the NDIS, you will be contacted before you transition.

If you are not currently receiving support, you may still be able to access the NDIS.

Information and resources are available at **[ndis.gov.au](https://www.ndis.gov.au)** or check the **[ndis.gov.au/tas](https://www.ndis.gov.au/tas)** page for Tasmania specific information.



## What you can achieve

“Thanks to the NDIS, I now have a support person to assist me to learn new skills and enhance my independence so in the future I can move out of home with my friends.”

“Because of the NDIS, I now am getting employment service support and I am trialling various jobs to see what suits.”

“As a result of the NDIS, I now have the equipment I need to shower safely and I don’t need my mum in the bathroom.”





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## The way forward – points to remember

This is the start of an important journey.

The Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments and the NDIA are working together to roll out the NDIS in Tasmania.

People currently receiving government services will continue to receive them until they start their NDIS plan.

The Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments and sector partners will contact people transitioning and provide further NDIS information.



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