



The NDIS is rolling out across Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability in Australia. The NDIS is progressively rolling out across Queensland and by 2020 it will be fully implemented. It is estimated the NDIS will improve the lives of 91,000 Queenslanders with disability, their families and carers.

The NDIS will provide all eligible Australians, under age 65, who have a permanent and significant disability, with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.

Rollout of the NDIS - The NDIS is being introduced by region in Queensland. This means that in some parts of the state the NDIS is already available, while in others it has yet to begin.

If you are currently receiving support through the Queensland Government (for example you are a state disability client) you will move to the NDIS as it becomes available in your region. Your existing supports will continue until you are covered by the NDIS.

From 1 July 2018 the NDIS will become available in the following regions in Queensland:

- Brisbane;
- Logan and Redlands;
- Fraser Coast, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg;
- Gold Coast and Hinterland; and
- Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Croydon, Etheridge, Cape York and Torres Strait.



Becoming an NDIS participant - To become an NDIS participant a person must:

- have a permanent disability significantly affecting their ability to take part in everyday activities;
- be aged less than 65 when they first enter the NDIS;
- be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa; and
- live in Australia where the NDIS is available.

Participants can apply to enter the NDIS up to six months prior to the Scheme rolling out in their region by contacting the NDIS on 1800 800 110. If you are already receiving disability supports through the Queensland Government, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will have your contact details, and will be in touch with you.

Access to the NDIS and readiness - The NDIA is working with Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) and Local Area Coordinator (LAC) partners to deliver the NDIS in local communities across Australia.

ECEI and LAC partners help participants navigate the NDIS and connect them with other community services, where appropriate. ECEI and LAC partners in the areas rolling out in 2018 are expected to be announced prior to the start of the Scheme.

Supporting documentation - If you or your family member has never used a Queensland Government service, or if the NDIA asks for additional information, you may need to seek the services of your General Practitioner and/or other health professionals, to provide the necessary evidence to support your NDIS access request.

This may involve:

- completing the Supporting Evidence section of the NDIS Access Request Form;
- documenting that the person has or is likely to have a permanent disability; and
- providing copies of reports or assessments relevant to the diagnosis, outlining the extent of the functional impact of the disability.

Further information - Events to help you understand the NDIS are scheduled across the region. You can view these at www.ndis.gov.au. Just click on the [upcoming events](#) tile.
