



If you are aged between 9 and 65, a local area coordinator can help you to understand the NDIS, apply and connect with other government and community supports.

If you have a child younger than 9, an early childhood partner can provide supports to children before they apply, and let families know if the NDIS is right for their child.



### **Age Requirements**

**Q1: Are you aged between 9 and 65?**

- ❖ Yes, continue onto Q2.
- ❖ No. I have a child under 9 – follow this link to access information to access support for children under the age of 9.  
<https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/families-and-carers/early-childhood-approach-children-younger-9>
- ❖ No. I'm 65 and over. You must be under 65 to access the NDIS. Follow this link to access information on other supports available.  
<https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply/receiving-your-access-decision/support-people-who-are-not-eligible>



### **Residence Requirements**

**Q2: Are you an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or Protected Special Category Visa holder?**

- ❖ Yes. Continue onto Q3.
- ❖ No. You may be able to access other supports. The NDIS is only available to:
  - Australian Citizens
  - Permanent Visa Holders
  - Protected Special Category Visa holders

**Q3: Do you live in Australia?**

- ❖ Yes. Continue onto Q4.
- ❖ No. You may be able to access other supports. The NDIS is only available to people who live in Australia.



## **Disability Requirements**

### **Q4: Do you have a disability caused by a permanent impairment?**

- ❖ Yes. Continue onto Q5.
- ❖ No. The NDIS is only available to people who have a disability caused by a permanent impairment. The impairment may be intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory, physical, or psychosocial.

### **Q5: Do you usually need disability-specific supports to complete daily life activities?**

- ❖ Yes. If you usually need disability-specific supports to complete daily life activities you may be eligible. Follow this link for next steps on 'how to apply' <https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply>
- ❖ No. Continue onto Q6.



## **Early Intervention Requirements**

### **Q6: Do you need some supports now to reduce your future need for support?**

- ❖ Yes. You may be eligible if you need some supports now for your family to build their skills to help you. Follow this link for next steps on 'how to apply' <https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply>
- ❖ No. The NDIS may not be the best way to support you. But a local area coordinator can help you connect with other government and community supports. We can suggest some local contacts who might be able to assist you.

If you tick all the boxes above, you are likely to meet the NDIS eligibility criteria, as long as adequate supporting information is provided in the 'Access request form' which can be found via the 'how to apply' link mentioned above in Q5 and Q6.