

Before assisting a patient with an 'Access Request Form' to join the NDIS, the NDIS recommends completing this 5-point checklist first, so you can assess their suitability for the scheme.

- 1. Are they aged between the ages of 9 and 65.**
(YES / NO)
- 2. Are they an Australian Citizen, permanent resident or hold a protected special category visa holder.**
(YES / NO)
- 3. Living in Australia.**
(YES / NO)
- 4. Do they have a disability that is caused by a permanent impairment.**
(YES / NO)
- 5. Do they need disability-specific supports to complete daily life activities.**
(YES / NO)

If you can say 'YES' to all of the above questions then your patient is likely to meet the NDIS eligibility criteria, as long as adequate supporting information is provided in the 'Access request form'. This can be found via this link - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply>

If an impairment is permanent but its functional impact fluctuates and/or is still in its early stages (e.g. Multiple Sclerosis), your patient may meet the 'Early Intervention requirements'. If this is your intention, then page 16 of the access request form will need to be completed.