

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in South Australia

Phasing and Transition information for specialist disability service providers

The NDIS is being rolled out in stages to ensure it is successful and sustainable.

Some of your clients, up to 14 years of age, have been transitioning to the Scheme since July 2013 and people 15 to 17 years of age started entering the Scheme in January 2017.

From **1 July 2017** people with disability aged 18 to 64 years will begin to enter the NDIS based on where they live.

Existing clients of state funded specialist disability services will be entering the NDIS based on the State Government Region they live in:

From 1 July 2017 Area 1	Barossa, Light and Lower North and the Local Government Areas of Playford, Salisbury and Port Adelaide Enfield (East)
From 1 October 2017 Area 2	The Local Government Area of Tea Tree Gully, Limestone Coast and Murray and Mallee
From 1 January 2018 Area 3	Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, Southern Adelaide, Eyre and Western, Far North and Yorke and Mid North
From 1 April 2018 Area 4	Adelaide Hills, Eastern Adelaide and Western Adelaide



How will people living in supported accommodation enter the Scheme?

If you provide services to people living in specialist disability group home accommodation, they will enter the Scheme from **1 November 2017**. To ensure a coordinated approach and a smooth transition for your clients, the NDIA (National Disability Insurance Agency) will undertake the planning process on a group home by group home basis. The timing of when clients living in group homes transition to the Scheme will depend on the location of the group home:

From 1 November 2017 Area 1	City of Salisbury, City of Playford, City of Port Adelaide Enfield East, City of Barossa, Light and Lower North
From 1 December 2017 Area 2	Limestone Coast and Murray Mallee, City of Tea Tree Gully
From 1 March 2018 Area 3	Far North and Yorke Mid North, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island , Southern Adelaide, Eyre and Western
From 1 June 2018 Area 4	Western Adelaide, Eastern Adelaide, Adelaide Hills

How will the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) contact clients in a group home?

The NDIA's National Access Team will contact clients or their families or guardians by phone to confirm access to the NDIS. Once the NDIA has confirmed clients are eligible for the NDIS they will contact the service provider to arrange a time to come out to the group home to explain to clients how the NDIS works and what it means for them.

After this the NDIA will arrange to come back to have a first planning conversation with clients. This can be over the phone or in person, depending on what works best for each client.

What should I do to help get my clients living in group homes ready for the NDIS?

For people living in group homes the service provider should use the Supported Independent Living Tool (SIL) to identify what services clients are currently receiving. Providers registered for the support category of Daily Task/Shared Living are required to use the new SIL pack. The SIL pack and quoting template allow NDIA planners to process provider quotes more efficiently and provide a more nationally consistent process.

Find more information and the SIL tools here. <https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/sil-quoting-tool.html>

What should I do to help my clients who do not live in group homes get ready for the NDIS?

To support clients who do not live in group homes you can prepare a summary of services the client currently receives from you. You can use the Planning Conversation Checklist to support you in your conversation with clients. The client can then take this with them to the NDIS planning conversation. The Planning Conversation Checklist can be downloaded from <https://ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/h1e/h67/8800549863454/Checklist-planning-conversation.pdf>.

It is important that you:

- Engage early with your clients
- Ensure they know what services they currently receive from you
- Raise awareness about the NDIS and where they can get more information
- Support them to engage with the NDIA if necessary
- Check with your clients if they already have an approved plan

What do I need to do as a provider to get ready for the NDIS?

- What types of services you will provide through the NDIS, and to whom?
- Are you registered on the DCSI Disability Service Providers Panel (DSPP) to provide these services?
- Have you registered as a provider for the NDIS?
- Can you access the NDIA My Place Provider Portal?
- Are your internal business practices ready for the NDIS?
- Have you considered ways to market your services and engage with NDIS participants?

As a provider through the NDIS, your organisation needs to register on the NDIS portal to provide those services. A summary of the steps needed to register as an NDIS provider can be found at <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/provider-toolkit.html>

Funding arrangements with DCSI

Your Contracting and Sector Liaison Project Officer will continue to assist you during the transition to full scheme.

National Disability Agreement (NDA) funding through the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI), will change from State Government funding to individualised fee-for-service arrangements under the NDIS.

Once your clients have an approved plan with the NDIA, DCSI will vary funding agreements and/or cancel service orders effective from the **date we advise you** that a client has an approved NDIS plan.

Pricing

Until the market matures, the NDIA will set the value for some funded supports in a participant's plan. Prices are reviewed and updated regularly. Any changes will be announced on the NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au.

Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) and South Australian Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set Reporting Requirements

Providers are reminded to cease National Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS) and SA Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (SA HACC MDS) reporting on services provided to clients who have transitioned to the NDIS. Providers are required to report the exit of all clients who have an approved NDIS Plan in the DS NMDS or SA HACC reporting process. Providers need to exit clients, the exit date being the date of their approved plan, with an exit reason of "transitioned to the NDIS".

Resources

DCSI NDIS Implementation Team can meet with Service Providers individually about their transition to the NDIS. If you would like to arrange a meeting please email your request to email NDISimplementationissues@sa.gov.au or speak to your Contracting and Sector Liaison Project Officer.

The NDIA holds a number of workshops and community information sessions that may be of interest. We would encourage you to visit the website www.ndis.gov.au to find out what is available in your area.

NDIS Awareness Campaign

The South Australian Government is also hosting a series of community expos across the State over the next 12 months to provide opportunities for people to find out more about the NDIS and the opportunities it presents for participants, service providers and job seekers.

For more information about the NDIS community expos, including registration to attend, visit www.mysupportmychoice.sa.gov.au

While the Commonwealth Government is responsible for the roll out of the NDIS through the National Disability Insurance Agency, the South Australian Government remains committed to supporting providers and clients until they transition.

Preparing for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

NDIS changes mean:



People with disability

- can choose their services and provider
- must use the NDIS if eligible



Funding

- services will be funded in client plans
- clients will purchase services they choose



Services

- you will need to promote your services and attract clients to your business.

Helping your clients

Providers can prepare current clients for the NDIS:



- tell your clients about the NDIS
- provide a summary of their current services for their planning meeting with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
- NDIA will contact clients direct about entering the scheme
- let your clients know they can choose their provider and services under the NDIS
- clients will choose who provides their services.

NDIS will grow the disability sector:

up to
6,000
more jobs in
the disability
sector in SA

** Full time equivalent (FTE)*

32,000
people with
disability in SA
are expected
to join the NDIS

Source: NDIA 2016



**You can expand
your business**



**Government of
South Australia**



START

You will progressively do more business with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Prepare by:

01

FAMILIARISE

Become familiar with what the NDIA will fund and pay for services under the NDIS.

02

DECIDE

Decide the services you will offer under the NDIS.

03

REGISTER

Registering as a service provider on the NDIA website.

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NDIA READY

**Be NDIA
business ready:**

- be able to claim for funds via the NDIA at www.ndis.gov.au
- put financial management systems in place
- follow the NDIA terms of business
- check that your services are financially viable to run under the NDIS
- investigate ways to streamline your services to make them viable under the NDIS
- put in place changes to your business model so that it is viable under the NDIS
- you will need to attract clients to your business by marketing your services.

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FUNDS

The NDIA will fund the client supports outlined in participant plans.

GETTING THERE