



NDIS Update

The **NDIS** stands for the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** and is a new way of providing support to Australians with a disability. Under the NDIS, funding will be allocated to the person with a disability. The **NDIA** stands for the **National Disability Insurance Agency** and is the government agency that will contact you regarding your NDIS transition.

Mobo Group is here to support you through your NDIS transition. Please contact Mobo Group on **08 8130 1800** or email ndis@mobogroup.com.au if you have any questions about the NDIS. Please read through this fortnight's frequently asked questions.

Why is it called the "National Disability Insurance Scheme"? What does "insurance" mean?

The reason the word "insurance" is in the NDIS title is because the NDIS takes a lifetime approach. This means that when you become an NDIS participant, you will continue receiving your NDIS funding for the rest of your life. The NDIS provides funding to people with a disability to pay for supports and services that will improve their skills and independence.

You do not need to pay any personal money to the NDIS. The NDIS will never ask you for your money or your bankcard details.

Can I receive transport funding from the NDIS?

The NDIS has stated that transport funding may be allocated to participants who are unable to drive or catch public transport due to their disability. Your Centrelink mobility allowance will stop when you have an approved NDIS Plan. Be sure to provide all the relevant information during your NDIS planning meeting to support your need for transport funding in your NDIS Plan.

Will the NDIS pay for my ticket to go to a football game or concert?

The NDIS will not pay for any tickets to social events that are not disability specific. This is because the NDIS does not provide funding for everyday costs and social activities that the broader community would pay for themselves. The NDIS will pay for the time of a support worker to attend the event with you. This funding will come under the line item "Assistance to access community, social and recreational activities" in your NDIS Plan.

Example:

Sarah is an adult with an NDIS Plan. One of Sarah's NDIS goals is to increase her independence when participating in community events. Sarah would like to go to the Pink concert but is not able to attend by herself due to her disability. Sarah decides to engage a support worker to help her achieve this goal. Sarah is matched with a support worker, who also likes Pink, to attend the concert with her. Sarah pays for her own ticket and the support worker pays for her own ticket. After the concert, the support worker drives Sarah home. The support worker is paid for the time she spent with Sarah with the funding in Sarah's NDIS Plan.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the information provided is accurate as at the date of this communication. It is provided to assist in the preparation for the introduction of the NDIS and is not to be taken as a recommendation of any particular course of action. Stakeholders are encouraged to seek their own independent advice.

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