



NDIS Update

The **NDIS** stands for the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** and is a new way of providing support to Australians living with a disability. Under the NDIS, funding will be allocated to the person living with the disability.

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 this fortnight's frequently asked questions.

What is the "NDIA"?

The **NDIA** stands for the **National Disability Insurance Agency** and is the government agency that is bringing the NDIS to Australia. The NDIA sets the rules about the NDIS and approves your NDIS plan funding.

What is a "LAC"?

LAC stands for **Local Area Coordinator**. A LAC is a person who works for an organisation who has partnered with the NDIS to deliver Local Area Coordination Services across an area.

Your Local Area Coordinator will help you to transition to the NDIS by helping you to:

- Understand the NDIS.
- Access the NDIS.
- Create your first NDIS Plan.
- Understand your NDIS Plan and link you to community services.
- Review your NDIS Plan.

There are three organisations in South Australia delivering Local Area Coordination. These organisations are Feros Care, Baptcare and Mission Australia.

Can I pay a family member with my NDIS Funding to be my support worker?

No, you cannot use your NDIS funding to pay your family members or friends to provide you with a disability support or service. If your NDIS plan is **self-managed** or **plan managed**, you have the flexibility to choose providers that are not NDIS registered providers to deliver your supports and services. However, this does not include family members. A provider needs to have an ABN and approved to deliver services to people with a disability. If your NDIS plan is **agency managed**, you can only choose NDIS registered providers to deliver your supports and services.

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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