

NDIS Update

The **NDIS** stands for the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** and is a new way of providing support to Australians 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.

My NDIS Plan is going to end in a few months, should I contact the NDIA?

Yes, you should call the NDIA on 1800 800 110 if your NDIS Plan is going to end in 2-3 months. The NDIA will notify your Local Area Coordinator (LAC) to alert them to organise your plan review meeting.

Example: Mel calls the NDIA on 1800 800 110 to explain that her NDIS Plan is going to end in 2 months. The NDIA staff thank Mel for notifying them and say that a LAC will call Mel to organise a plan review meeting.

What is an NDIS plan review meeting?

Your NDIS plan review meeting should be organised before the end of your current 12 month NDIS plan. This meeting will be with your LAC or an NDIS representative and can be in the location of your choice. The plan review meeting will look at your funding in your NDIS Plan and discuss how the funding assisted you to work towards greater independence in your daily life and achieve your goals. Your review meeting is an opportunity for you to ask for increased supports and services in your life and explain why you need them. You can bring along further supporting evidence to this meeting, including reports from your doctor, psychologist, physiotherapist, housing manager etc. After your plan review meeting, you will receive a new NDIS Plan valid for the next 12 months.

Example: Andy attends his NDIS plan review meeting at his LAC's office. Andy's LAC asks him many questions about how the past 12 months has been with his NDIS funding in his plan. Andy explains that the funding has assisted him to maintain his job and build his skills in keeping his unit clean. Andy goes on to say that he has started feeling lonely and his disability is limiting his ability to go out in the community on his own. Andy provides a letter from his psychologist confirming feelings of loneliness and isolation. Andy explains that his new goal is to increase his participation in the community. The planner discusses with Andy how the NDIS could fund a support worker to help Andy to attend community events and Andy thinks this is a great idea. The LAC records this information and sends it to the NDIA for approval. Andy now waits for his new NDIS Plan to arrive in the post.

Do I receive a new NDIS Plan after 12 months?

Yes, you will receive a new NDIS Plan after your first NDIS Plan has ended after 12 months. Your new NDIS Plan will have a new set of funding to be used over the next 12 months to achieve your goals.

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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