



Principle of “no disadvantage” and the NDIS

What is a reasonable and necessary support?

Reasonable and necessary supports are funded by the NDIS to help you reach your goals, objectives and aspirations in a range of areas.

These supports will help you to:

- increase your independence
- increase your social and economic participation; and
- develop your capacity to actively take part in the community.

The types of supports the NDIS may fund for you include: daily personal activities, transport, therapeutic supports, workplace help to allow you to successfully get or keep employment in the open or supported labour market, aids and equipment and home modifications.

There are some kinds of supports that will not be funded or provided by the NDIS. The NDIS Act and the rules made under the Act tell us which supports will not be funded by the NDIS. A support will not be funded if:

- it's not related to your disability

- duplicates supports already funded through other service systems such as health or education
- relates to day-to-day living costs that are not related to your support needs, or
- is likely to cause harm to you or pose a risk to others.

What is the principle of “no disadvantage”?

Governments made a commitment – through the Intergovernmental Agreement for the NDIS Launch (IGA) – that if you were receiving supports before becoming a participant in the NDIS you should not be disadvantaged by your transition to the NDIS.

The commitment is that people who become participants in the NDIS should be able to achieve at least the same outcomes under the NDIS.

This **does not mean** that you will always have the same level of funding or supports provided in the same way. You will have access to reasonable and necessary supports consistent with the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*.

Where the NDIS does not fund a support you previously received under another program, the Agency will seek to identify alternative supports or refer you to other systems with a view to ensuring you are able to achieve substantially the same outcomes as a participant in the NDIS.

For further information, please refer to the Operational Guidelines dealing with specific types of supports, for example, the Operational Guideline - Planning and Assessment - Supports in the Plan.