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# Getting prepared for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Source: My pathways, my choices, my goals. Information for participants  
<http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/420>

## What is the NDIS?

NDIS is a new way of providing community linking and individualised support for people with permanent and significant disability, their families and carers. It provides choice and control and a whole-of-life approach to the support needed to live more independently and work towards achieving your goals and aspirations.

## Am I eligible for NDIS?

**Right now you can only access the NDIS if you live in one of the trial sites.** From 2013 the NDIS will be trialled in the Barwon area and from 2016 to 2019 it will be progressively rollout through all of Victoria.

To be eligible you must be under 65 years of age and an Australian Citizen or permanent resident.

You maybe be eligible if you have a significant permanent disability and:

- you can't join in activities or do things without assistive technology, equipment or home modifications, or
- you usually need support from other people to join in activities or do things at home or in the community

**My Access Checker** is a tool to help you understand whether you may be able to access individual assistance from NDIS.

You can use *My Access Checker* at:

[www.ndis.gov.au/my-access-checker](http://www.ndis.gov.au/my-access-checker)

## The Planning Process

Once you have been told that you are able to participate in the NDIS, you can start the planning and assessment process. This will help to determine the informal, community and mainstream services and any reasonable and necessary supports you need to achieve your goals.

The NDIS website has a range resources including a planning workbook, videos and fact sheets have been developed to help you identify your needs, goals and current supports and start the planning process and can be found at:

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/planning-process>

A fact sheet providing information on what supports the NDIS will fund in relation to higher education and vocational education and training (VET) and how to determine whether a support is funded by the NDIS or the higher education and VET system can be found at:

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/741>

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