

The Northsider



THE NDIS and YOU

Series

How do you become a participant?

To become a participant in the program you need to check that you are eligible. If you go to the NDIA website they list some key questions you have to answer “yes” to before you ring them for an Access Request Form. The questions are:

- (a) Are you in an NDIS area? We understand that the Northern Beaches will be in the NDIS roll out area as of 1st of July 2016.
- (b) Do you have Australian residency?
- (c) Are you under 65 years old?
- (d) Do you usually need support from a person or equipment to do everyday things for yourself because of an impairment or condition that is likely to be permanent, or;
- (e) Do you need some support now to reduce your support needs in the future?

Once you have answered “Yes” to “a, b, c and d or e” you are told to ring the NDIS on 1800 800 110 and ask for an “Access Request Form”.

The “Access Request Form”, has 8 parts labelled A to H.

- A – Participants details
- B – Privacy consent
- C – How does NDIA contact you?
- D – Parent, guardian or representative
- E – Carer and family members
- F – Disability or intervention
- G – Change of circumstances
- H – Signatures

The key section is Part F, Your Disability, or need

for early intervention supports. In this section you need to provide the following information:

1. Primary disability
2. Other disabilities (if any)
3. Current treatment (if any)
4. Is there any other treatment that is likely to remedy the impairment?
5. Did you acquire your disability because of an injury?
6. Are you seeking, or have you previously sought compensation related to your disability or injury?
7. You are then provided with a list of possible assessments and reports you may have in relation to your disability. If you have they ask you for a copy. The list is:
 - The Care and Needs Scale (CANS)
 - Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, 2nd Ed (Vineland-II)
 - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Ed (DSM-5) - Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Ed (DSM-4) - Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS)
 - Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System (ABAS)
 - Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)
 - Gross Motor Functional Classification Scale (GMFCS)
 - Communication Function Classification Score (CFCS)
 - Manual Ability Classification System (MACS)

- Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, 2nd Ed (Vineland-II)
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Ed (DSM-5) - Intellectual Disability
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Ed (DSM-4) - Intellectual Disability
- Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals, 4th Ed
- Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence, 3rd Ed (WPPSI-III)
- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-IV)
- IQ test
- Hearing Loss (Measured in decibels in better ear)
- Disease Steps
- Expanded Disability Status Scale
- Level of lesion
- ASIA Score
- Modified Rankin Scale
- Visual acuity level
- Visual field loss (horizontal and vertical)
- World Health Organisation Disability Assessment Schedule (WHODAS 2.0)
- Other

8. You are then asked for supporting information about your disability and the impact it has on mobility, communications, social interaction, learning, self-care and/or ability to self-manage. You are provided with two ways to provide the supporting information:

- Provide copies of reports, letters or assessments from your health or education professional detailing the impairment and the impact it has on daily life; or
- Asking a professional to complete a table with a range of questions related to:
 - Mobility/motor skills
 - Communications
 - Social interaction
 - Learning
 - Self care
 - Self-management

If you would like the full list of questions that need to be completed please call us and request one, we can email it or post it to you.

Any questions

If you do have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us by phone on 9905 5377 (CEO or Manager) or by email to northside@pacific.net.au.

We may not know all the answers but will try and find out as this is new territory for all of us.

The important thing is to make the journey together so we can provide the services you want.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE
FOR THE SUPPORT YOU OFFERED
DURING 2015!
WE HOPE YOU HAVE
A HAPPY AND WONDERFUL
NEW YEAR!**

**Our last day of services for 2015 is
Tuesday 22 December 2015
Services return as per usual on
Wednesday 13 January 2016
And our New Service Users
Commence in the week beginning
18 January 2016
as organised individually!**

**We are excited for 2016
a year we grow together in
NDIS service system**

