



NDIS - An Introduction

What is the NDIS?

The NDIS is the National Disability Insurance Scheme. It is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disabilities, their families and carers.

The NDIS provides people with disabilities, their families and carers more choice and control over **how**, when and **where** disability supports are provided. Funding will go directly to the person with a disability rather than to service providers.

The NDIS will focus on early intervention – which means providing early support in order to reduce the impact of disability in the future.

What is the NDIA?

The NDIA is the National Disability Insurance Agency. The NDIA is the organisation who works with people with disabilities, their families and carers to get access to the NDIS support they need.

When and where does the NDIS start?

The NDIS starts nationally from July 2016.

To find out when the NDIS starts in Victoria, see **Table 1** over page.

To find out when the NDIS starts in other states and territories, visit the NDIS website: www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites.html

People who currently receive disability support – what now?

Until the NDIS starts in each area, existing Commonwealth, State and Territory government funded disability services will continue.

People who currently receive support will move to the NDIS at different times - depending on the type of support they receive and where they live.

If people currently receive disability support, they will be contacted by their current disability service provider before the NDIS starts in their area to discuss how to take part in the NDIS.

KEY TERMS

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How do people take part in the NDIS if they do not currently receive any disability support?

If people do not currently receive support, they can check if they are eligible to take part in the NDIS. **See NDIS Tips Sheet 2: NDIS Eligibility.**

Disability support vs income support

Receiving support from the NDIS is not means tested and will not impact income support like the disability support pension or carers allowance.

Table 1: NDIS start dates in Victoria by region:

Date	Region
1 July 2016	North Eastern Melbourne
1 January 2017	Central Highlands
1 May 2017	Loddon
1 July 2017	Outer Eastern Melbourne
1 October 2017	Ovens Murray Inner Gippsland Western District
1 November 2017	Inner Eastern Melbourne
1 April 2018	Bayside Peninsula
1 March 2018	Hume Moreland
1 September 2018	Southern Melbourne
1 October 2018	Brimbank Melton Western Melbourne
1 January 2019	Goulburn Mallee Outer Gippsland

Next steps: see **NDIS Tips Sheet 2: NDIS Eligibility**

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