

Plan implementation

Once your plan is approved, it is time to put it into action. This is called plan implementation.

The NDIS will work with you to implement your plan. This support may include Local Area Coordinators (LAC) who help you find community activities and the mainstream services that help you achieve your goals.

Choosing your providers

You can choose the providers you want to deliver the services you need.

You will normally need to make a written agreement with your providers.

Self direction

The National Disability Insurance Agency can help you manage payments to your providers or you can manage these payments yourself.

You can get an information pack on self-directing and self-managing your plan on our website www.ndis.gov.au.

Participant Portal

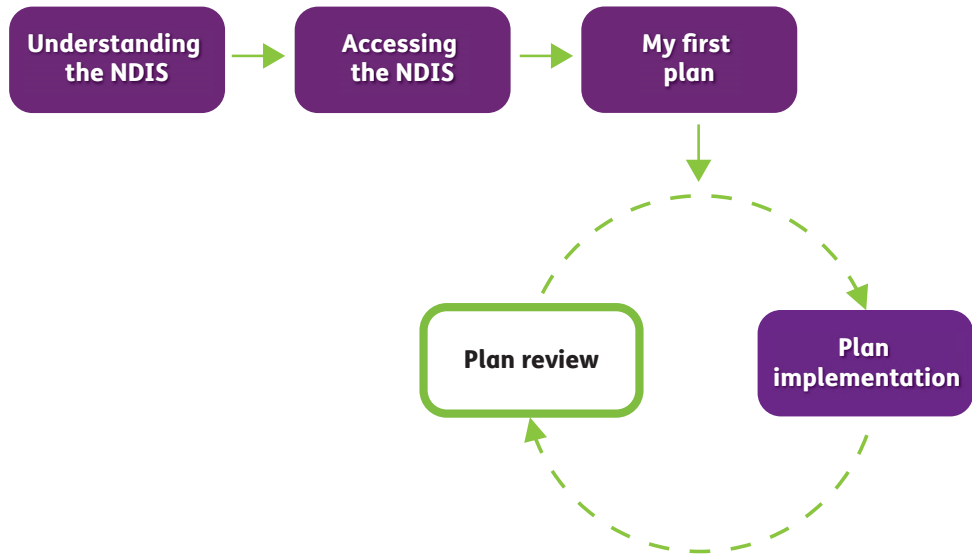
You can access your plan on the Participant Portal, an online tool that keeps all of your documents together. You will receive portal access instructions once your plan is ready. If you choose to self-manage your funding, you can also process payments through the portal.

Implementing your plan

While you are implementing your plan, you might like to:

- Think about your future goals.
- Consider activities and ways of achieving your goals.

It is important to think about how your first plan is working for you – what is good and what is not. This will help you prepare for your next plan at your plan review. The person helping you to implement your plan can also help you to do this.



Plan review

While everyone is different, your First Plan will generally be in place for 12 months before we work with you to make any changes. This is called a plan review.

Have a think about your goals in both the short and long term. Knowing what you would like to work towards will help you to think about the supports and services you may need to achieve those goals.

It is important your NDIS plan, and any funded supports, continue to work well for you. This means your plan is helping you to achieve your goals.

Before you start your plan review, it can also be helpful for you to explore options for you to get involved in your local community through activities such as sport clubs, local theatres, special interest groups and community gardening.

If your circumstances or needs change you can ask us to change your plan. You can also ask a family member, friend, carer or provider to support you during a plan review.

Getting plan ready checklist

The getting plan ready checklist helps you to get ready for making your next NDIS plan.

- Think about your life now and into the future, what supports are helping you and which are not.
- Identify your strengths, interests, opportunities and challenges.
- Consider your current informal, mainstream and community supports.
- Create words or pictures about your daily life and goals so that you are prepared for your plan review.

If you feel a support or service provider is not helping you as much as they could, you can change provider. You do not need to wait until your plan review. See 'choosing a provider' on our website for more information.