

NDIS Terms Explained

There are a lot of terms that might be unfamiliar if you're new to the NDIS world - lets break it down.

NDIS - Stands for National Disability Insurance *Scheme*. The name of the funding system.

NDIA - Stands for National Disability Insurance *Agency*. They're the people that run the scheme.

Service provider - an organisation that offers services (e.g. physiotherapy) or goods (e.g. wheelchairs). Service providers can be registered with the NDIS, or not. Depending on how your funding is managed, you may only be able to use registered NDIS providers. The term 'service provider' doesn't necessarily only refer to organisations that are disability-specific.

Reasonable and Necessary - the criteria that each request for funding or support needs to meet, in order for NDIS to agree to give you funding for it.

LAC - Local Area Coordinator. The person who develops your NDIS plans. They work for NDIA's Partner's in the Community.

Planner - also a person who develops your NDIS plan, but they work for NDIS.

Partners in the Community - Organisations that have an agreement with NDIA that they will help to implement the NDIS. These are different from state to state.

NDIA-managed - a way of managing your NDIS funds. This is when your service providers get paid for the services they provide to you automatically by NDIS.

Self-managed - a way of managing your NDIS funds. This is when you are responsible for paying your service providers using your NDIS funds.

Plan managed - a way of managing your NDIS funds. This is when you have someone else (called a Plan Manager) pay your providers for you, using your NDIS funds. A plan manager is like an accountant, and must be registered with NDIS.

Support Coordinator - someone that NDIS will fund to help you connect to service providers and community supports. The funding for a support coordinator is put into your NDIS plan, if it is found to be reasonable and necessary.

Plan Manager - someone that manages NDIS funds for you. They're like an accountant. Your service providers send invoices to them for the services or goods you have received. The plan manager then pays it from your NDIS funds for you.

Price Guide - a manual of the different maximum price limits for different services. E.g. the maximum price limit for physiotherapy in WA is \$224.62 per hour. Service providers can't charge you more than this, and you can't pay them more than this (unless you're self-managed).


Line item - the code that corresponds to a service or good that you can pay for with your NDIS funds. E.g. the line item for physiotherapy is 15_055_0128_1_3.

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