

# Unlocking Your NDIS Eligibility

A Comprehensive Checklist



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# NDIS Insights: Making Every Step Transparent and Simple

Navigating through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) can seem like walking into a maze without any exit in sight. With numerous criteria to meet and forms to fill out, it can feel suffocating at times just to sign up. But remember, getting access to the support you need is supposed to be yours from the start as long as you're eligible. It may be an overwhelming mountain of processes but it doesn't need to be complicated.



And we know about the plenty of resources online you can access but they're not exactly user-friendly. So we compiled this bite-sized checklist just for you with questions to ask yourself. Together, we'll guide you through the whole process, breaking down each eligibility criterion into digestible sections, with detailed explanations, and offering insights into how each criterion applies to you.



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## AGE AND RESIDENCY

**The first step in determining your NDIS eligibility revolves around age and residency. Ask yourself these:**

- **Are you under 65 years old?**
- **Are you an Australian citizen residing in Australia?**

If you're a Permanent or Protected Special Category Visa holder, you're also eligible. This criterion is in place because the NDIS is designed to support individuals who are residents and intend to stay in Australia for the long term. It's important to note that the NDIS is not just for citizens but also for those who have made Australia their home.

For children under 7 years old with developmental delay or disability, an NDIS early childhood partner can provide assessment and support. This ensures that the youngest members of our community receive the care they need from the earliest possible stage, setting them up for a better future.





## IMPAIRMENT

The 2nd eligibility criterion concerns impairment. The main question is this:

- **Do you have a permanent (i.e., lifelong) impairment? This could be physical, intellectual, cognitive, neurological, visual, hearing, or psychosocial.**

If you have more than one condition, focus on the one that most affects your daily life. The NDIS recognizes that disabilities can take many forms, and it's the impact on your daily life, not the type of disability, that determines your eligibility.

This criterion is designed to ensure that the NDIS supports those who need it most, regardless of the type of disability they have.





## EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

**The 3rd criterion examines your ability to perform everyday activities. This question applies:**

- **Is your ability to perform these tasks significantly reduced due to your impairment? This could be in areas such as learning, self-care, self-management, mobility and motor skills, communication, or social interaction.**

The NDIS understands that a disability can affect all aspects of life, and it's designed to provide support in the areas where you need it most.

It's about understanding the practical impact of your disability on your day-to-day life and ensuring that the NDIS provides support that is tailored to your specific needs.



## PARTICIPATION IN WORK/ STUDY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**The 5th criterion considers the need for ongoing support.  
Think about this question:**

- **Will you likely require ongoing support from the Scheme?**

Think of the long term here as the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, expecting that individuals will require support for life, hence the need to demonstrate the permanency of the disability.

The NDIS is not a short-term solution, they will provide the help you need throughout your life, not just in the immediate future.



## NDIS SUPPORT

**The final criterion assesses the type of support you require. Now, ask yourself this:**

- **Do you require disability supports that fall under the remit of the NDIS?**

These supports generally include those that assist with daily living activities and/or improve your ability to function independently like special equipment, physical aids, prosthetics, assistive technology, home modifications, and personal care attendants.

This final criterion is about understanding the specific types of support you need and ensuring that the NDIS can provide them.





# Find Your Perfect NDIS Provider

If you've ticked all the boxes above, you're likely to meet the NDIS eligibility criteria. But understanding your eligibility is just the first step.

The next step is to find a provider that can deliver the services you need.

# Your NDIS Guide

Successful Solutions Australia provides Respite, Transitional care, Community Access, and In-Home Care for those with an NDIS plan for people aged 18 to 65 years. Our experienced team has over 50 years of experience working in both Disability, Mental Health, and Aged care. They are respectful, creative thinkers, and responsive to the needs of the individual. And most of all, well-versed in the intricacies of the NDIS.

We understand that every individual is unique so we approach every need you have as uniquely tied to you and no one else. If you're ready to unlock your NDIS eligibility and access the support you need, send us a message or give us a call. Let's take the next step together towards a better, fuller life.

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