

Glossary: NDIS terms and acronyms

Term	Meaning
Agency-managed	The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) manages your plan, and pays your support providers directly. You must choose registered NDIS providers if you are agency-managed.
Budget	The amount of money you receive from the NDIS, which falls into three categories – core supports, capacity-building supports or capital supports.
Capacity building supports	Supports that help you build your skills, resources and confidence to participate in the community or have the same kind of opportunities or services as other people.
Capital supports	Physical supports such as assistive technologies, equipment or home/vehicle modifications.
Core supports	Supports that enable you to complete activities of daily living, work towards your goals and meet your objectives.
ECEI	This is a service that is appointed by the NDIA, and it is designed to enable families with a child who is six or under, to access support which may be provided through either ongoing NDIS funding, or through an appropriate time limited intervention. It is designed to enable their child to improve their functional capacity.
Eligibility	Whether you meet the criteria to receive funding from the NDIS or not.
Formal supports	Supports or services you must book and pay for.
Goals	Things you want to do or achieve in the future, with the help of the NDIS.
Informal supports	The support you get from the people around you, such as family, friends, neighbours.
LAC	The Local Area Coordinator, who is appointed by the NDIA in your region to help you, your families and carers to access the NDIS. They will help you write and manage your plan and connect you to mainstream services and community-based supports.
myplace	Is the online portal where you and your support providers can review plan budgets, find registered providers and create service bookings.
NDIA	The National Disability Insurance Agency, the Commonwealth Government organisation that administers the NDIS.
NDIS	The National Disability Insurance Scheme, a new way to support Australians with disability, as well as their families and carers.

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Nominee	A person who can make decisions about the NDIS for someone who needs help making choices but does not have a parent or guardian.
Participant	A person who meets the NDIS access requirements.
Plan	A written agreement that states your goals and needs, and the reasonable and necessary supports the NDIS will fund. Each participant has their own plan.
Plan managed	Is when an organisation or individual, also known as a Financial Intermediary, helps you manage your funding. Plan managers may be funded by the NDIS in your plan.
Plan review	Each year your plan is reviewed by the NDIS or the LAC, in consultation with you, to determine if any changes are required. You can also seek a review if your circumstances change.
Provider	A person or organisation that provides supports, products or services to help you achieve the goals in your plan.
Reasonable and necessary	“Reasonable” means “fair” and “necessary” means “something you must have”. The NDIS funds reasonable and necessary supports relating to your disability to help you live an ordinary life and achieve your goals.
Respite	A temporary break from a caring role. Respite can be in your home, at a centre or in the community. Under the NDIS, respite might also be called: short-term accommodation, assistance in living arrangements, assistance with self-care overnight.
Self-managed	You and your family manage the funding and supports in your NDIS plan yourselves. The NDIS pays you, and you pay your providers.
Service agreement	A contract between you and a service provider that you have chosen to deliver some or all of the supports in your plan.
Short term accommodation (STA)	Supports provided for a limited time, typically in a centre-based or group environment. Also known as respite.
Support Coordinator	A person who helps you implement your plan, manage your supports and build your capacity to manage your own supports. Support Coordinators may be funded by the NDIS.
Supports	Things to help you undertake daily life activities and enable you to participate in the community and reach your goals. Funded supports are types of support that cost money and that the NDIS funds.
Supported Independent Living	Assistance with and/or supervision of daily living tasks to help you develop your skills to live as autonomously as possible.

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