

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA)

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

There are two relevant SDA eligibility criteria:

1

“extreme functional impairment”

2

“very high support needs”

If a participants' circumstances match **either** of these criteria, it warrants further exploration of SDA eligibility.

Does the participant have an “extreme functional impairment”?

A. Does the participant endure extremely reduced functional capacity affecting their mobility or self-care or self-management?

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B. Does the participant have a very high need for person to person supports?

Yes

No

Yes

No

*If answers to **both** 1A and 1B are yes (not just one of the answers) then there is a case for SDA eligibility to be explored.*

ALTERNATIVELY

Does the participant have “very high support needs”?

A. Has the participant previously lived in SDA for extended periods and has this impacted the capacity of the participant to transition to alternative living arrangements and supports?

Yes

No

*If the answer to 2A is **yes** then there is a case for SDA eligibility to be explored on the basis of previous accommodation history alone.*

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Does the participant have “very high support needs”?

B. Does the participant have a very high level of need for person to person supports for a significant part of the day?

Yes

No

and

i. the participant’s informal support network is limited or not sustainable.

Yes

No

or

ii. the participant is at risk OR poses a risk to others, risks which could be mitigated by the provision of SDA.

Yes

No

*If the answer to 2B above is **yes** and **either** the answer to (i) or (ii) is **yes**, then there is a case for SDA eligibility to be explored.*

Further exploration of SDA eligibility will require a Housing Plan to be developed and functional assessment(s) from allied health professionals to address whether a participants’ needs would best be met with an SDA response.

Participants wishing to explore eligibility for SDA will need to request a housing goal be included in their NDIS plan and sufficient capacity building funds to engage support coordination and obtain the necessary functional assessments from allied health professionals. This funding is called “Investigating Housing Solutions”. Should Assistive Technology be required (such as wheel chair or hoists) this should also be identified for exploration. An example of a housing goal might be:

- I want to investigate housing solutions or more appropriate housing solutions
- I want to live in a home that suits my needs and allows me as much independence as possible.
- I want to move out of home and explore living more independently.
- I want to explore living more independently in my community.