



How to use your money from NDIS

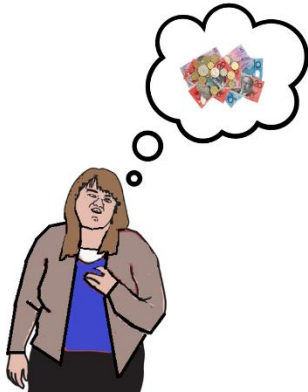


Easy English.



The words **our**, **we** and **us** in this book
mean Activ.

Your money from NDIS



You may need money to pay for disability supports.

You can ask for money from the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

We say the **NDIS**.

You can apply on the NDIS website.

- www.ndis.gov.au



NDIS will send you a letter.

We say an **access decision letter**.



It tells you about the money you may get.

We say you are **eligible** for **NDIS funding**.

Your NDIS funding can be used for



- services
- and**
- supports.

You need to choose your supports.

You need to go to a **planning meeting**.



At the meeting you will work out



- your goals

- how you can use your NDIS funding

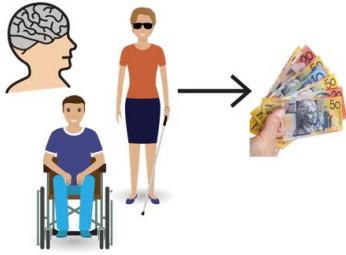


- who can give you services.

What your funding may pay for

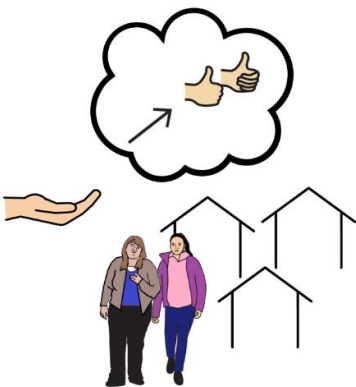
NDIS only pays for things you need

because you have a disability.

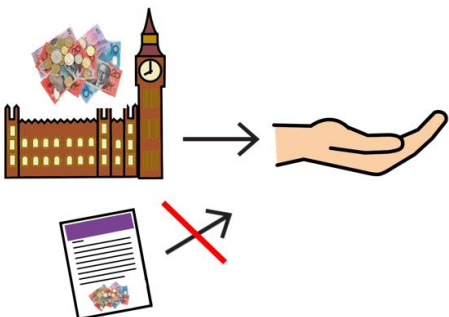


Like supports that help you

- get to your goals
- do things in your community
- have good relationships.



The supports must be safe.



Another government service may pay for some supports.

You can not use your NDIS funds for those supports.



NDIS say products and services must give

- **reasonable** support

and

- **necessary** support.



You will have to pay for some other things yourself.

Like

- fixing your car



- food



- going on a holiday.

Funding categories

Your supports may be from 3 groups.

We say NDIS funding **categories**.



1. Core supports

You may need help with day-to-day needs.

We say you use your NDIS funding for **core** supports.



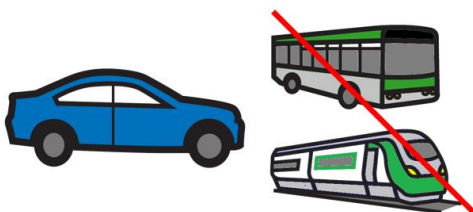
Like

- products to help you do things yourself



- someone to help you do things at home

- help to do things in your community



- help to get to places.

Like you can **not** use public transport.

2. Capacity building supports

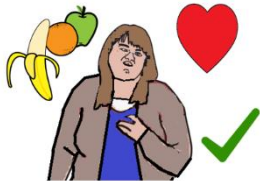
You may want to do more things than you can do now.



Your supports can help you

- learn new skills
- be more independent.

We say you use your funding for **capacity building** supports.



Like to help you

- stay healthy



- get a job



- make new friends.



3. Capital supports

You may need some things that cost a lot.

Like



- changes to your home



- changes to your car



- special equipment.

We say **assistive technology**.

Looking after your NDIS plan



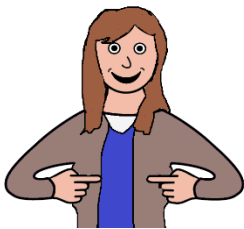
You can choose who will look after your NDIS funding.

We say **plan management**.

1. Self-managed

You can look after your NDIS funds yourself.

You can choose any supports to meet your goals.



You will need to look after all your money.

Like

- pay the bills for your supports
- know how much money you have left.



You can ask someone you know to help.

Like

- your parent
- your carer.



We say you choose a **plan nominee**.

2. NDIA managed



You may think it is too hard to look after your funds yourself.



Someone from the National Disability Insurance Agency can help.

We say the **NDIA** manages your funds.



The NDIA will tell you

- how much you can pay for supports



- who can give you your services.

We say you will have to use an

NDIS registered service provider.

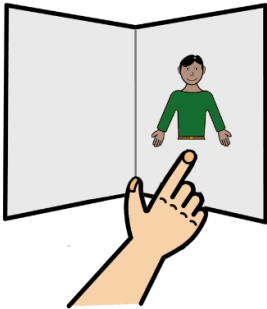
3. Plan managed

You may **not** want NDIA to manage your funds.



You can choose a special trained person.

We say you hire an NDIA approved **plan manager**.



You will have meetings with your plan manager.

You can still have a say about your supports **but**

your plan manager looks after the money.



You will use some of your funds to pay for your plan manager.



What works for you



Your NDIS funding is for things that are right for **your** needs.



We can give services with NDIS funding.

We are an NDIS service provider.

We can help you work out how to use your NDIS funding.



You can call us

- 08 9387 0555.



You can see our website

- www.activ.asn.au/ndis/getting-started/

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