



Free Guide to

NDIS Framework Planning (*NFP*)



There's been a lot of discussion about the New Framework Planning (NFP) for NDIS. With it come some proposed rule changes.

This guide brings together the key updates in one place. We've summarised what's being introduced, what's still being finalised and what it could mean for your plan.

As always, some of these rules are still subject to consultation and agreement between states and territories. We'll continue to share updates as more is confirmed.

- The Provider Choice team

Transitional rules for stated supports

Stated supports are funds that must be spent exactly as outlined in your plan. They aren't flexible.

These already exist in some plans. Under NFP, transitional rules will apply to stated supports. These rules are still being finalised and require agreement between states and territories.

When deciding whether to make a support “stated”, the NDIS may consider:

- Whether your safety would be at risk without the support
- Whether the assistive technology is high-cost (eg. a wheelchair)
- Whether the support costs the same for all participants (eg. plan management)
- Whether the payment goes directly into your bank account (eg. transport funding)
- Whether the support has significant integrity risks (this hasn't yet been clearly defined)
- Whether the NDIS reimburses another part of government for that support

Funding Periods

Funding periods refer to how and when your funding is released across your plan.

You may already be familiar with funding periods. Under NFP, the NDIS may consider:

- Your preferences
- The total funding in your plan
- Your history of compliant spending
- Risk of exploitation or fraud
- Risk of hardship depending on funding period length
- Any other restrictions attached to your funding
- The type of support (funding periods don't apply to one-off purchases like assistive technology)
- Your support needs over the life of your plan

Restrictions and requirements

Under NFP, they're going to make some changes to how funding can be used. These will be written into your NDIS plan so that it's clear.

Restrictions describe how the funding can be spent. **Requirements** outline conditions that must be met before accessing certain funding.

These changes are being made so the NDIS can:

- Help you budget, by setting aside funds
- Help you to access providers if you live in a remote region where it's difficult to get supports
- Ensure that part of your flexible funding is spent on a particular support that the NDIS believes you need

Notice of impairment rules

This is designed to give you clarity around the category of impairment that NDIS is funding you for.

This can be helpful to you if you're living with more than one disability, but only one/ some of your disabilities are funded by NDIS. It helps you recognise what supports you can access through the NDIS.

The Department of Disability, Health and Ageing have shared [this explanatory document](#) if you'd like more info about what a notice of impairment means

Replacement needs assessment rules

You can request a replacement needs assessment, but only before your plan is approved. This means that you won't be able to simply apply for a replacement support mid-plan.

If your circumstances change mid-plan and you require new replacement supports, you may need to seek a plan review rather than simply adding a support.

About this guide

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 **Provider Choice**

We're Australia's largest independent NDIS plan manager, trusted by over 15,000 families to simplify funding, track budgets and handle provider payments at no extra cost to participants.

Our mission is to make the NDIS less overwhelming, so people living with disability and their families can focus on what matters most – their care and goals – without the admin complexity.

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