



Things you cannot spend NDIS money on

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Easy English

Blue words



Some words in this book are **blue**.

We write what the blue words mean.

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You can get someone to help you

- understand this book

- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

About this book



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This book is from the Department of Social Services.

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This book is about the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** or NDIS.

The NDIS gives services and support to people with **permanent disability**.



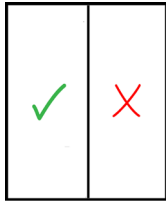
Permanent disability means a disability that will **not** go away.



The NDIS also gives services and support to people who need **early intervention**.



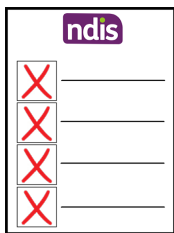
Early intervention means support for some people before their disability gets too bad.



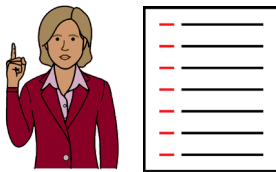
This book is about a new rule we want to make for the NDIS.



The new rule will say what you **cannot** spend NDIS money on.



We have made a list of things that you cannot spend NDIS money on.



This book is a **summary** of our list.

Summary means we only include the most important ideas.

Day to day living costs



Day to day living costs are things you might

- buy every day

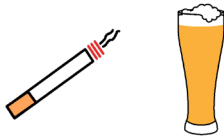


- pay for every month.



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- your rent

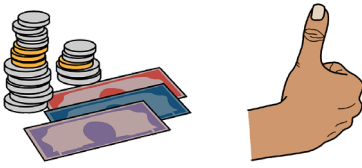


- cigarettes and alcohol



- your gas bill.

Things that are not value for money, effective or beneficial



Value for money means we think something is worth what you pay for it.



Effective means something works well.

Beneficial means something is good for you.

You cannot spend NDIS money on things like **alternative medicines**



- alternative medicines means medicines you do not get from a chemist



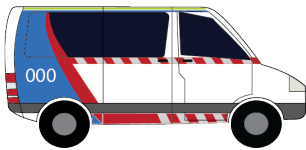
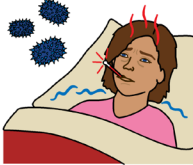
- beauty treatments
 - for example, haircuts.

Mainstream health services

Mainstream means ordinary.

You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- treatment for a health problem that is **not** part of your disability

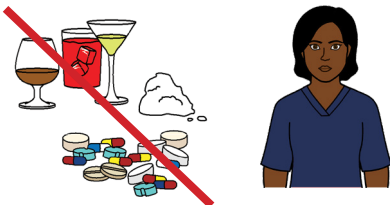
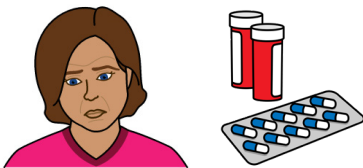


- medicines
- ambulance services.

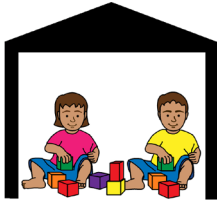
Mainstream mental health services

You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- medicines to treat a mental health problem
- treatment for drug and alcohol problems
- hospital mental health services.



Mainstream child protection and family support services



Child protection means help to keep a child safe.



Family support means a family gets help with their problems.



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- programs for parents



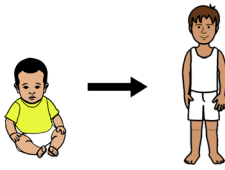
- babysitters



- **marriage counselling.**

Marriage counselling is when someone helps you with problems in your marriage.

Mainstream early childhood development



Early childhood development means how a child grows and learns new things.



For example, a child learns to walk and talk.



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like payments for childcare.

Mainstream school education



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- school fees



- school uniforms



- school books.

Mainstream higher education and vocational education and training



Higher education means education you get after you finish high school.



Vocational education and training means you learn about a job.



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- university fees

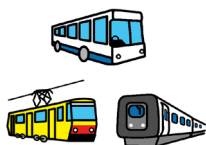


- services from someone who works at a place that gives higher education.



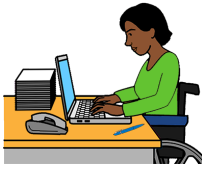
You cannot spend NDIS money on transport to education or training if you can

- travel on your own



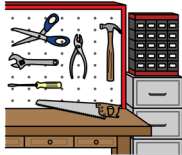
- use public transport.

Mainstream employment

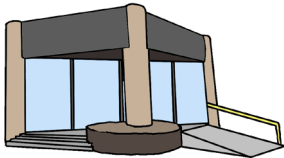


You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- disability employment services



- things you need to do your job
 - for example, tools



- changes to improve **access** to the place where you work.

Access means everyone can use it.

Mainstream housing and community infrastructure

Community infrastructure means things the public can use.



For example, parks and public buildings.



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- homes for people who need support to find somewhere to live



- services for people who have nowhere to live



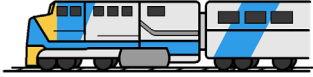
- changes that make it easier to move around a building.

Mainstream transport

You cannot spend NDIS money on things like



- buses



- trains



- trams



- transport for pets and **companion animals**
 - companion animals means animals that help you feel calm.

Mainstream justice



Justice is when you do crime and must go to court.



You cannot spend NDIS money on things like

- **pre sentence reports** about your mental health
 - pre sentence reports means an expert tells a judge about your mental health



- **supervision and monitoring**
 - supervision and monitoring means someone makes sure you behave.

Mainstream aged care



Aged care means care you get when you are old.



You cannot spend NDIS money on mainstream aged care services.

Unlawful goods and services



Unlawful means something is **not** allowed.



You cannot spend NDIS money on something that is **not** allowed.



For example, you cannot spend NDIS money on drugs that are **not** allowed.

Income replacement

Income replacement means money you get

if you

- do not have a job



- cannot work.



You cannot spend your NDIS money on things like loan payments.

If you need help or support



Call 000 if you or someone you know needs help now.

Call **Lifeline** Australia for crisis support and suicide prevention.



Call 13 11 14

Call **Beyond Blue** for mental health support.

Call 1300 224 636



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can call **13YARN** for mental health support.

Call 13 92 76



More information

For more information contact the Department of Social Services.



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Go to our website to see the full list of what NDIS money can be spent on.



Website

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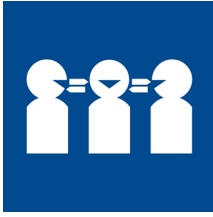
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