

# What NDIS money can be spent 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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## 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**.



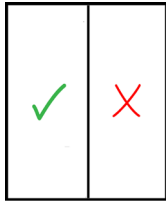
Permanent disability means a disability that will **not** go away.



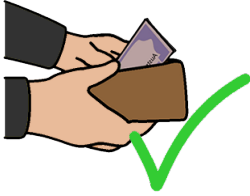
The NDIS also gives services and support to people who need **early intervention**.



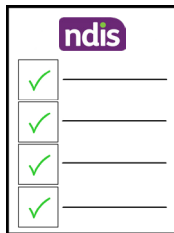
Early intervention means support for some people before their disability gets too bad.



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

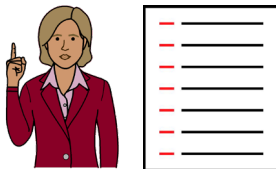


The rule will say what NDIS money can be spent on.



We have made a list of things that NDIS money can be spent on.

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



Summary means we only include the most important ideas.

## Accommodation and tenancy assistance



**Accommodation and tenancy** means where you live.

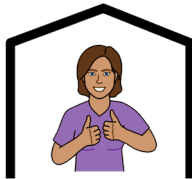


**Assistance** means help.



NDIS money can be spent on things like

- support to find somewhere to live
- support to stay in the place where you live now.

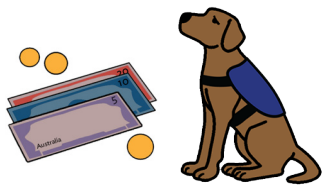


## Assistance animals

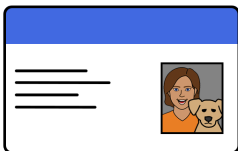


**Assistance animals** means animals that are trained to support people with disability.

For example, guide dogs.



NDIS money can be spent on an **accredited** assistance animal.

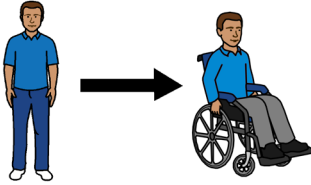


Accredited means the animal has passed a test to say it is a good assistance animal.

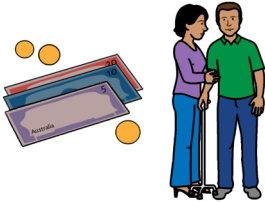


## Assistance in coordinating or managing life stages, transitions and supports

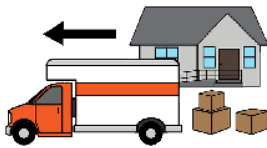
**Coordinating or managing** means to look after.



**Life stages** and **transitions** mean when things change in your life.



NDIS money can be spent on a support worker to show you how to do things by yourself.



For example, how to

- move home



- find a job

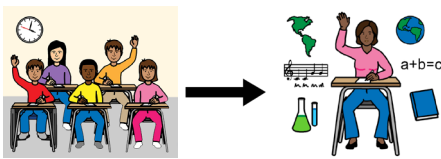


- go to appointments.

## Assistance to access and maintain employment or higher education



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

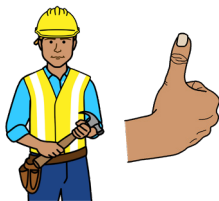


NDIS money can be spent on supports to

- move from high school to higher education
  - for example, university



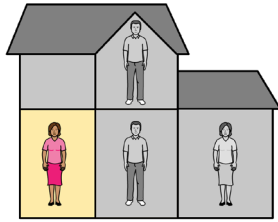
- find a job



- keep the job you are in now.

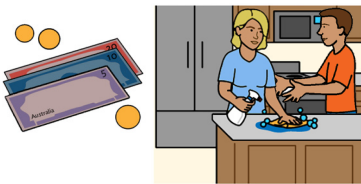


## Assistance with daily life tasks in a group or shared living arrangement



**Group or shared living arrangement** means you live with other people.

NDIS money can be spent on supports that help you do things in your home.



For example, a support worker who can show you how to

- care for yourself



- cook

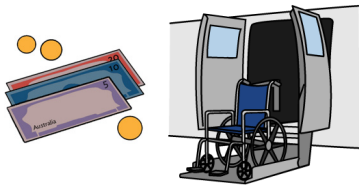


- clean your home.



Your support worker can show you how to be as **independent** as possible.

Independent means you have support to make choices about how you live your life.



## Assistance with travel and transport

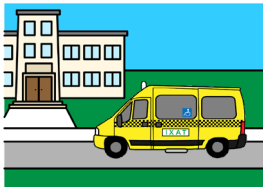
NDIS money can be spent on travel and transport if you

- cannot travel on your own
- cannot use public transport.



For example, you can use some of your NDIS money to take a taxi to

- get NDIS supports

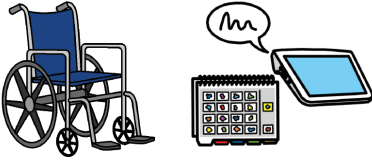


- go to school



- go to work.

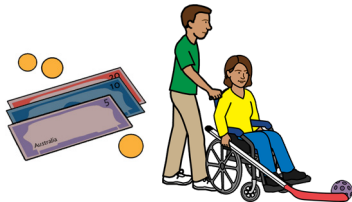
## Assistive equipment for recreation



**Assistive equipment** means things that help you do something.



**Recreation** means things you do for fun, like sport.



NDIS money can be spent on special things you need for recreation.



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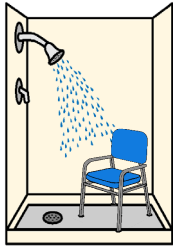
means special things that help you do jobs like

- clean your home
- cook.



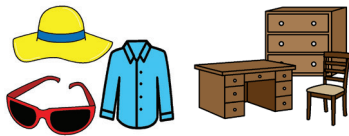
NDIS money can be spent on things you need to do household tasks.

## Assistive products for personal care and safety



NDIS money can be spent on things like

- special toilet and bathroom products



- special clothing and furniture.

## Specialist positive behaviour support

**Specialist positive behaviour support** means people who have special training to help if you



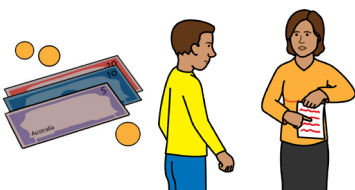
- do things that are **not** safe for you



- do things that are **not** safe for someone else



- do things that make it hard for you to have a good life.



NDIS money can be spent on specialist positive behaviour support.

## Communication and information equipment

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means things that can



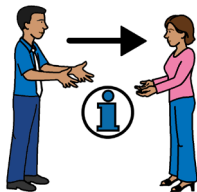
- help you get information
- help you give information to other people.

For example, a communication board.



NDIS money can be spent on equipment that can help you

- communicate with other people

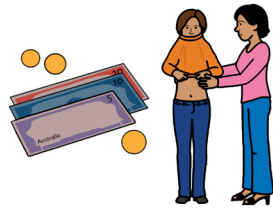


- get the information you need.



## Community nursing care

**Community nursing care** means you get care in your home.



NDIS money can be spent on community nursing care if you

- have a lot of needs

and



- need care from a nurse or support worker who has special training.

## Customised prosthetics and orthotics



**Customised** means something that is made for just one person.

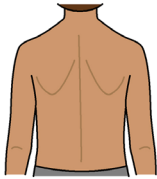


**Prosthetics** means body parts made by a human.

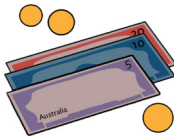


**Orthotics** means equipment that is made to support your body, like your

- arm or leg

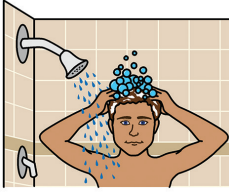


- spine.



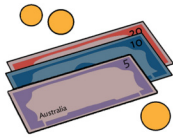
NDIS money can be spent on customised prosthetics or orthotics.

## Daily personal activities



**Daily personal activities** means things you need to do every day.

For example, have a shower.

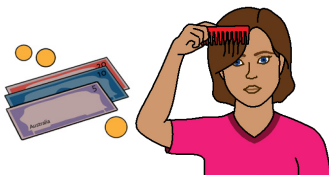


NDIS money can be spent to support you to do things you need do every day.



The support can help you be independent.

## Development of daily care and life skills



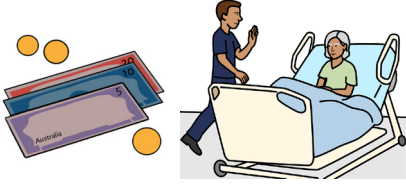
**Daily care and life skills** means you can be more independent.

NDIS money can be spent to help you learn daily care and life skills.



## Disability related health supports

**Disability related health supports** means supports you need every day for a health problem.



NDIS money can be spent on disability related health supports.

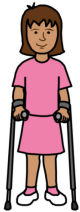
## Early intervention supports for early childhood

**Early childhood** means

- children under 6 with development delays

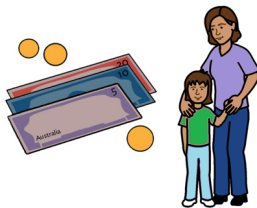


- children under 9 with disability.



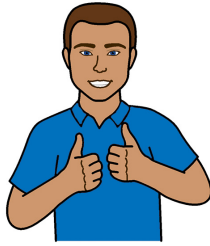
NDIS money can be spent on early childhood intervention supports like

- special support workers



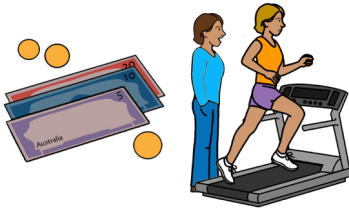
- therapy.





## Exercise and personal wellbeing

**Wellbeing** means you are healthy and happy.



NDIS money can be spent on things that keep you healthy and happy.

For example, things that help you exercise.

## Group and centre based activities



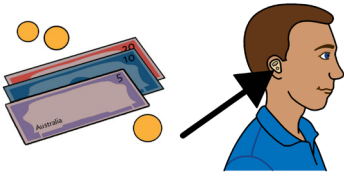
**Centre based** means a place where people go to do activities together.

For example, a community centre.



NDIS money can be spent on group and centre based activities.

## Hearing equipment



NDIS money can be spent on **some** types of equipment that can help you hear.

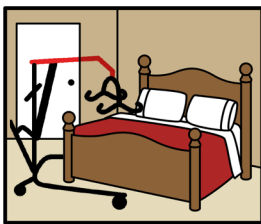
## High intensity daily personal activities

**Daily personal activities** means the things you must do every day.

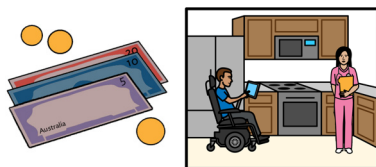


You might need

- a lot of people to help you do the things you must do every day



- special equipment to do the things you must do every day.



NDIS money can be spent on these personal activities.

For example, support from a worker who has special training.

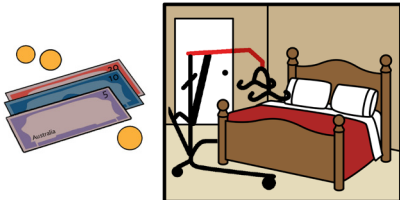
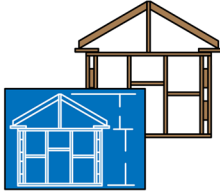


## Home modification, design and construction

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means how your home is

- changed
- planned
- built.



NDIS money can be spent to make it easier to live in your home.

For example, to get equipment that helps you be independent in your home.

## Household tasks

NDIS money can be spent on support with things you cannot do because of your disability.



For example

- cooking



- cleaning



- doing the laundry.

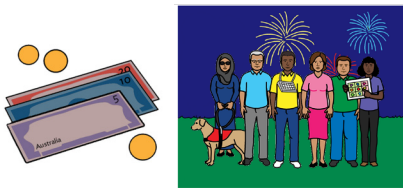
## Innovative community participation

**Innovative community participation** means you get support to do the things you want to do.



For example

- join a singing group
- learn to sail.



NDIS money can be spent to take part in innovative community events.

## Interpreting and translation

**Interpreting and translation** means you can get information in a language you understand.



NDIS money can be spent on interpreting and translation services.

## Management of funding for supports



**Management of funding for supports** means someone looks after your NDIS money for you.

NDIS money can be spent on a **plan manager**.

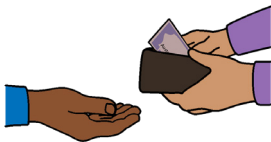


A plan manager looks after your NDIS plan for you.

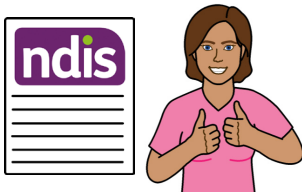


A plan manager can

- find supports for you



- pay the people who give you services



- improve your plan skills.

## Participation in community, social and civic activities

NDIS money can be spent on support to take part in activities.



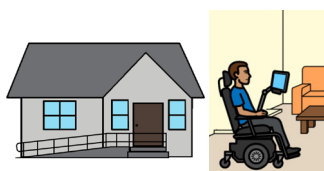
## Personal mobility equipment

NDIS money can be spent on personal mobility equipment.

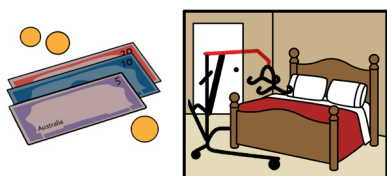


For example, a walker.

## Specialist disability accommodation



**Specialist disability accommodation** or SDA means homes for people with a lot of needs



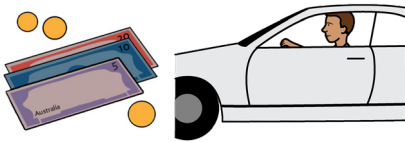
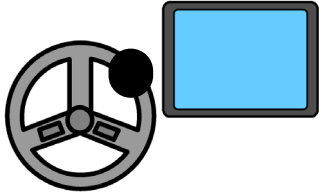
NDIS money can be spent on SDA.



## Specialised driver training

**Specialised driver training** means

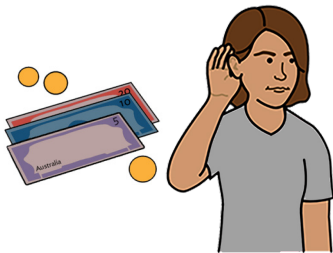
- you learn to use special equipment to drive
- you learn to drive a special car.



NDIS money can be spent on specialised driver training.

## Specialised hearing services

**Specialised hearing services** are hearing services for people who have a lot of needs.



NDIS money can be spent on specialised hearing services.

## Specialised supported employment

**Specialised supported employment** means

help to get a job if

- you have a lot of needs

and

- you need a lot of support when you are at work.



NDIS money can be spent on specialised supported employment.

## Specialised support coordination

**Specialised support coordination** means you

get extra help to access NDIS supports.

NDIS money can be spent on specialised support coordination.



## Therapeutic supports



**Therapeutic supports** help people to

- speak
- get around
- be independent.



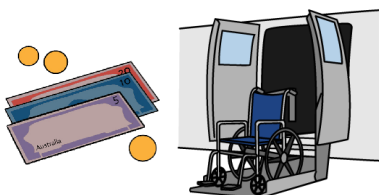
NDIS money can be spent on therapeutic supports.

## Vehicle Modifications



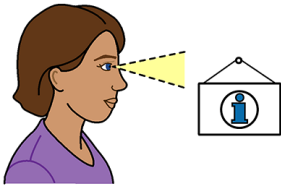
**Vehicle modifications** are when you make changes to your car.

For example, changes that help you to drive.



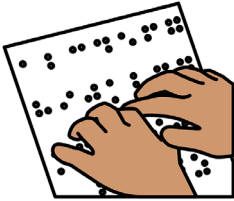
NDIS money can be spent on vehicle modifications.

## Vision equipment



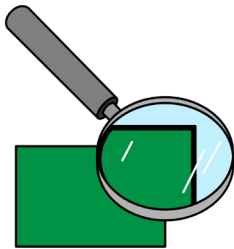
NDIS money can be spent on **vision equipment**.

Vision equipment means things that can help you see or read.



For example

- braille
- a **magnifying glass**.



A magnifying glass makes things look bigger.

## 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



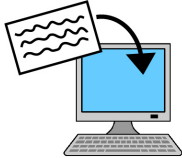
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can call **13YARN** for mental health support.

Call 13 92 76



## More information

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Call      1300 653 227



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## If you need help with English



Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call.

You can call the TIS in your language.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.

## If you need help to speak or listen



Use the National Relay Service to make a phone call.

You must sign up to the service first.



Website [accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk](https://accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk)



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