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Transport

Like many other areas of life, transport arrangements look very different under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

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Will transport funding be included in my NDIS plan?

You may be able to access funding through the NDIS for transport assistance if you cannot use public transport without substantial difficulty due to your disability.

What transport supports will be funded by the NDIS?

Under the NDIS, some transport related supports may include:

- Personal transport related aids and equipment
- Training to use public transport independently
- Modifications to private vehicles
- Reasonable and necessary taxi or private transport costs if you aren't able to use public transport independently.

It is important to note that the NDIS will not fund transport supports due to the lack of availability of public transport. While the NDIS allows for participants to receive reasonable and necessary transport assistance, that does not replace state and federal government responsibility to provide accessible transport.

What are NDIS reasonable and necessary supports?

For a support to be funded it needs to be linked to an outcome you have identified in your plan and it must also:

- Be associated with day-to-day living and activities that increase your social or economic participation.
- Be a resource or piece of equipment, such as wheelchair, assistive technology or home and car modifications.
- Help you build the skills you need to live the life you want, such as opportunities to work, further your education, volunteer or learn something new.

How can I prepare for transport support needs in my NDIS plan?

During your planning meeting, you should make sure you discuss your transport needs with your planner.

Here are some things to consider:

1. Think about your transport use now; how do you travel from work, school, appointments, and social activities?
2. If you had appropriate transport and could use it, where would you go?

How would it make a difference to your life? Do you need help to catch a bus?

3. Do you own your own vehicle? Do you need vehicle modifications so that you can drive yourself or have another person transport you safely? Vehicle modification can be considered 'reasonable and necessary' under the NDIS, for example special seating or equipment to get in and out of a vehicle.

How much NDIS transport funding is available for me?

The NDIS has three levels of transport support that will be paid fortnightly in advance. Transport support that can be funded includes the cost of using public transport and the cost of private transport, for example using a taxi and/or covering the cost of your support worker's mileage when they transport you.

Level 1: Up to \$1,606 per year for participants who are not working, studying or attending day programs but are seeking to enhance their community access.

Level 2: Up to \$2,472 per year for participants who are currently working or studying part-time (up to 15 hours a week), participating in day programs and for other social, recreational or leisure activities.

Level 3: Up to \$3,456 per year for participants who are currently working, looking for work, or studying, at least 15 hours a week, and are unable to use public transport because of their disability.

Exceptional circumstances: Participants can receive higher funding if they have either general or funded supports in their plan that enables their participation in employment.

What will happen to my Mobility Allowance under the NDIS?

If you are receiving Mobility Allowance when you receive an approved NDIS plan, your eligibility for the Mobility Allowance payment ceases.

What will happen to my taxi subsidy under the NDIS?

Other disability related supports, such as concessions for public transport, public transport systems and accessibility modifications, and disability parking schemes, will continue to be the responsibility of the relevant state or local government authorities.

Queensland: The Queensland Government is continuing to provide the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS) for NDIS participants.

Victoria: The Victorian Government is still in discussions to finalise arrangements for how eligible Multi Purpose Taxi Program (MPTP) users will be effective by participating in the NDIS.

New South Wales: The NSW Government is continuing to provide the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS) for NDIS participants.

Further information

For more information, search [ndis.gov.au](https://www.ndis.gov.au) for: 'Factsheet: Participant Transport Funding'.

For more information



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