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Department of Social Services

New NDIS rule 5

Variations and Reassessment





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The Australian Government
Department of Social Services wrote
this.

We say **DSS** for short.

When you see the word **we** it means
the DSS.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

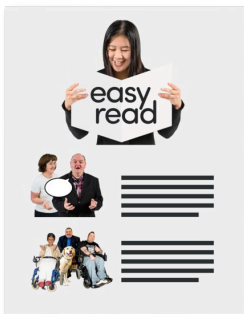
Bold

Not bold

We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and
darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of
another document.

This means it has the most important
ideas.



You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first peoples** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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Who can change an NDIS plan



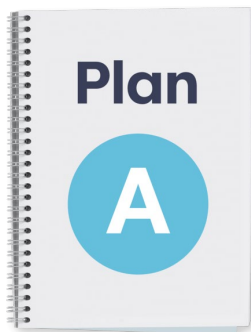
The **National Disability Insurance Agency** is the people who look after the NDIS.

We call them NDIA.

NDIA can change an NDIS plan in two ways



- Add things to a plan
- Make a new plan.



When the NDIA adds things to a plan we call it a **plan variation**.

Like adding more money or supports to your plan.



When the NDIA makes a new plan we call it a **plan reassessment**.

What do the new rules do



The new rules tell the NDIA what they need to think about when they do

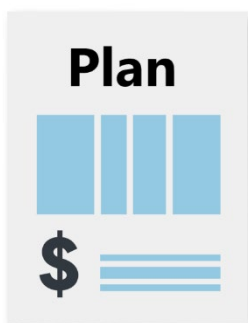
- A plan variation
- A plan reassessment.



The new rules talk about 3 types of variations

- For an emergency

Like if you cannot live at home for a time.



- To add more money to the plan



- To change the date to make a new plan.

Variations for an emergency

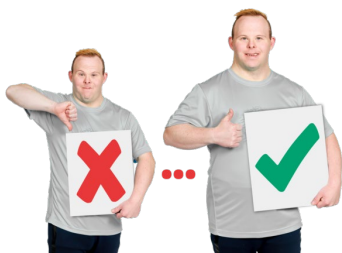


NDIA can only make a variation for some emergencies.



They can make it when you have had big change in

- What you can do
- Who can help you
- Where you live



They can make a variation if the big change means you need extra supports.



They can make it if the extra support is for

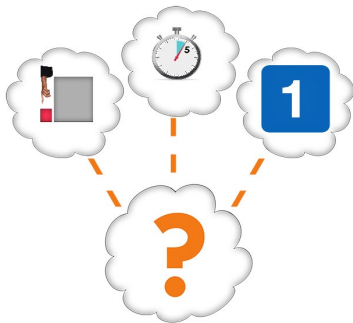
- A short time
- 1 time only.

NDIA can only make this variation if



- You need the extra support urgently
- The NDIS is the best place to get the support.

Variations to add more money



The NDIA can only add extra money or supports to your plan if they are for

- A small amount
- A short time
- 1 time only.



The support must

- Be different from the supports you have already
- Do a different job than the supports you have already.

The support must do 1 of these things



- Replace or fix **assistive technology** already in your plan

Assistive technology is equipment you need because of your disability.



Assistive technology can help you do things more safely or easily.

Like a wheelchair

- Give you urgent help to keep your job.



Like money for a taxi because you **cannot** catch the bus for a time.



- Give you **urgent** help to get more skills you need for a life change.

Like support to move out of home.

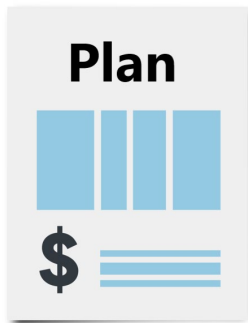


The new rules also tell the NDIA what to do if the variation is about

- Changes to your house
- Changes to your car
- Assistive technology.



Sometimes things about a support change after the NDIA makes your plan.



The NDIA can make a variation if

- The support costs more than expected in your plan
- You **cannot** get the support the way you expected in your plan
- You need extra information or services to get the support.



Like you might need a doctor to write a report to get the support.

Variations to change the date to make a new plan



The new rule says the NDIA can change the date they need to do a reassessment.

A plan cannot go longer than 5 years

Reassessments



The NDIA might decide to do a reassessment.

A participant can ask for one too.



The NDIA must think about some things when they do a reassessment.

They must think about why your support needs have changed.



They must think about if the change is because

- What you can do
- Who can help you
- Where you live
- other big life changes.





The NDIA must also think about anything else.

Like

- The participant thinks is important
- The NDIA thinks is important.

Contact us



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You can look at our website.

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