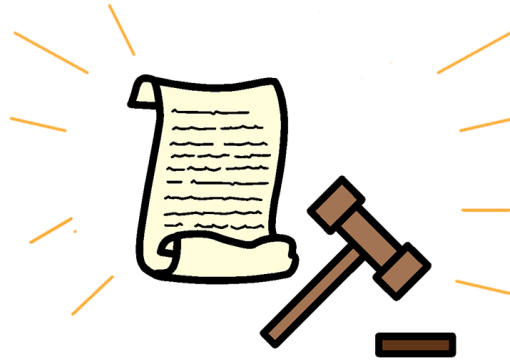




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# **New rules for NDIS budgets**

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**Easy English**



## Blue words

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

We write what the blue words mean.

## Help with this book



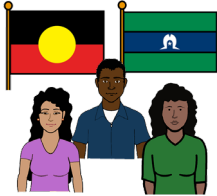
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- understand this book
  
- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

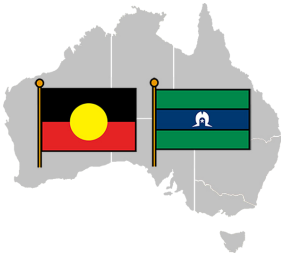
## We acknowledge First Nations people



**Acknowledge** means we understand the importance of **First Nations people's**

- culture

- language



- history.

First Nations people are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

## About this book



This book is from the Department of Social Services.

We are part of the Australian public service.



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 we work with some people now so they need less support later.

This book is about some new rules we made for **NDIS budgets**.



NDIS budgets means how much NDIS money you get.

## Why did we make new rules for NDIS budgets?



We want to make sure your NDIS money

- does not run out

and

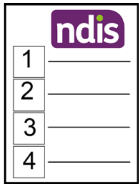


- is spent on the best NDIS supports for you.

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Our new rules have 3 parts.

# 1. How much money you can have in your NDIS plan



Your NDIS plan says

- how much NDIS money you have for the NDIS supports you need

and



- what NDIS supports you can spend your NDIS money on.

We call it your **total funding amount**.



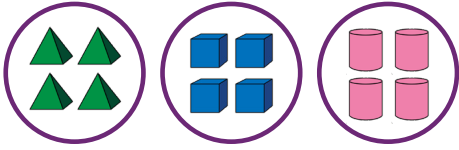
Your total funding amount depends on

- what NDIS supports you need



- how much your NDIS supports cost.

## 2. Groups of NDIS supports



We will make groups of NDIS supports.

We call these groups **funding components**.



Your NDIS Budget comes from your funding component amounts.



We will think about a lot of things when we make your groups of NDIS supports.

For example, we will think about

- what an NDIS support is for
- who will manage your NDIS money
- who will give you NDIS supports.

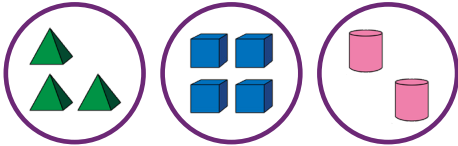




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You will get NDIS money for each kind of NDIS support you need.

How much money is in your funding components will depend on



- how many NDIS supports are in each group



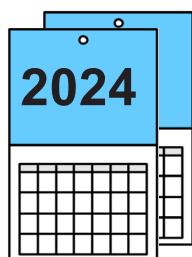
- how much your NDIS supports cost.



### 3. How long your NDIS money lasts for



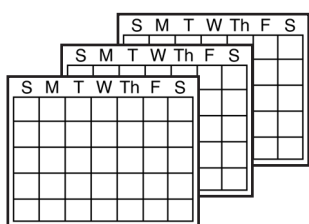
How long your NDIS money lasts for is called your **funding period**.



Your funding period might go for

- 1 year

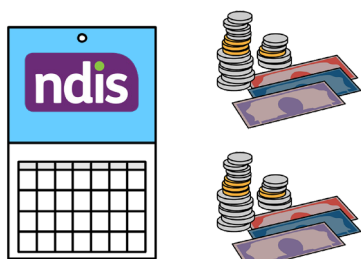
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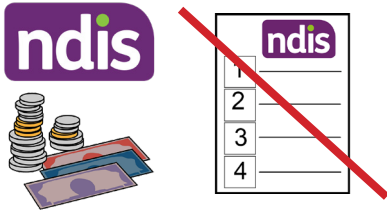
- less than 1 year.

Different groups of NDIS supports might have

- different funding periods
- the same funding periods.

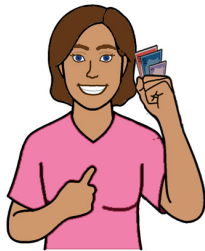


We will think about a lot of things when we decide how long your funding period should be.

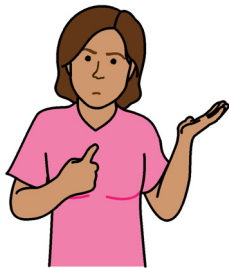


For example, we will think about

- if some of your NDIS money might be spent on things that are **not** in your NDIS plan



- how much money is in your total funding amount



- if someone might try to **exploit** you.

Exploit means someone spends your NDIS money on themselves.

## 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



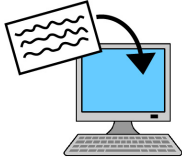
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can call 13YARN for mental health support.

Call 13 92 76



## More information

For more information contact the  
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Call 131 450

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