



Continuity of Support for clients of Commonwealth disability programs

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Clients of Commonwealth disability programs who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme will continue to receive the support they need.

The transition of Commonwealth funded disability programs, administered by the Department of Social Services, to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was completed on 31 March 2021.

From 1 April 2021, clients of these programs who are not eligible for the NDIS may be eligible for Continuity of Support.

Continuity of Support is a commitment of the Council of Australian Governments made in 2012. It aims to ensure people with disability who were receiving services through Commonwealth disability programs are not disadvantaged in the transition to the NDIS.

Most Commonwealth disability program clients are expected to be eligible for the NDIS. However, some will not, due to their age, residency, citizenship or disability type.

Continuity of Support arrangements for mental health programs and for carer programs have already commenced. Other programs, such as Mobility Allowance are ongoing and do not require Continuity of Support.

Two Continuity of Support packages commenced from 1 April 2021:

1. The Continuity of Support Fund, and
2. Continuity of Support for deaf Auslan users.

The Continuity of Support Fund supports existing clients of the following programs:

- Disability Employment Assistance, and
- Work Based Personal Assistance.

Continuity of Support arrangements for deaf Auslan users who are 65 years of age and over will be delivered through the existing National Auslan Interpreter Booking and Payment Service.

More information

For more information visit the [Department of Social Services](https://www.dss.gov.au) website ([dss.gov.au](https://www.dss.gov.au)).