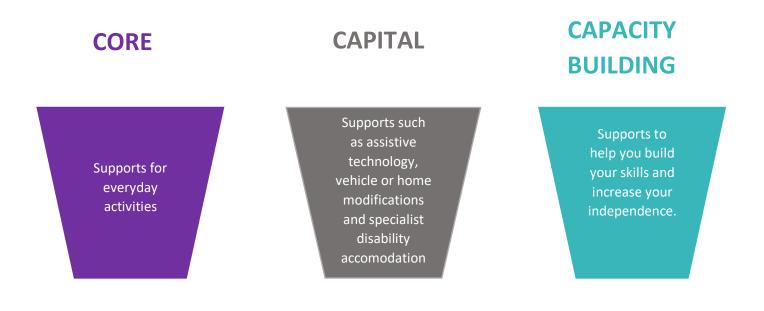
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Buckets of NDIS funding

We will discuss this information with you to help you understand your NDIS funding and plan.



Each bucket contains "Support Categories" Each bucket has "rules for use"

Source: Disability Services Consulting - Make the Best Use of NDIS Plans Webinar 10.09.2020



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CORE

- 1. Assistance with Daily Life
- 2. Transport
- 3. Consumables
- 4. Assistance with Social,

Economic & Community

Participation

Rule: can be spent flexibly across all categories (1 -4)

*exceptions are some transport, quote required and stated supports

CAPITAL

- 5. Assistive Technology
- 6. Home Modifications

Rule: **not flexible at all** – can only be used to purchase specific items as approved by NDIA

CAPACITY BUILDING

- 7. Support Coordination
- 8. Improved Living Arrangements
- 9. Increased Social & Community Participation
- 10. Finding and Keeping a Job
- **11.Improved Relationships**
- 12.Improved Health & Wellbeing
- 13. Improved Learning
- 14. Improved Life Choices
- 15. Improved Daily Living

Rule: only flexible **within each individual category** that is included in your NDIS plan unless otherwise stated

NO

NO

NO

NO

NO

NO

NO

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

NDIS Reasonable and Necessary Criteria

The NDIA use the Reasonable and Necessary criteria to determine what can be approved and funded in an NDIS Plan. We will discuss this checklist with you to help you understand these criteria. You must be able to **answer YES to ALL** these questions.

Disability Related

Do you need the support because of impairments that meet the disability or early intervention requirements?

Goals and aspirations

Does it help you to achieve the goals, objectives and aspirations in your plan?

Social and economic participation

Does it help you to participate in things with your family, in the community and/or work?

Value for money

Is the cost of the support reasonable – this includes thinking about both the benefits and the cost of other supports that could be used?

Effective, beneficial, good practice

Is it likely to provide what you need and be helpful for you considering current good practice?

Expectations of families, carers and informal networks

Is it for support that is beyond what family, carers and informal supports should be expected to provide?

The support is an NDIS support for you

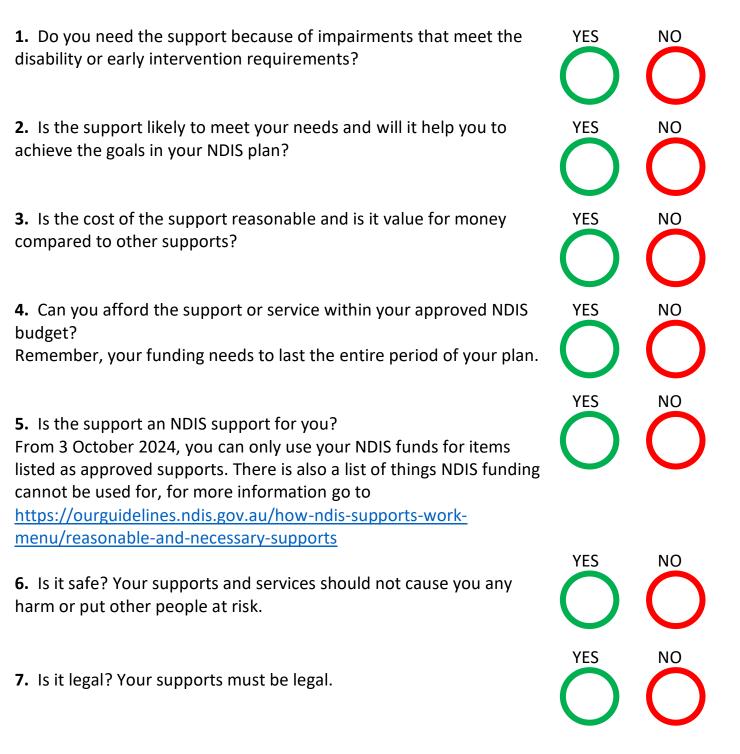
From 3 October 2024, you can only use your NDIS funds for items listed as approved supports. There is also a list of things NDIS funding cannot be used for, for more information go to <u>https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/how-ndis-supports-work-menu/reasonable-and-necessary-supports</u>

Source: This checklist has been adapted from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Act 2013, Section 34, Reasonable and necessary supports <u>https://www.legislation.gov.au/C2013A00020/latest/text</u>

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NDIS Using Your Plan – What can you spend your funding on?

Once you have an approved NDIS Plan, consider the following things when deciding what to buy with your NDIS funding. We will discuss this checklist with you to help you understand these questions. If the answer is 'yes' to these questions, the support is likely to be in line with supports included in your plan.



Source: NDIS Guide to Self-Management, Page 15 <u>https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/using-your-plan/self-management</u>

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