

## Buckets of NDIS funding

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

### CORE

Supports for everyday activities

### CAPITAL

Supports such as assistive technology, vehicle or home modifications and specialist disability accommodation

### CAPACITY BUILDING

Supports to help you build your skills and increase your independence.

**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



## 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

### 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?

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Goals and aspirations**

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

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Social and economic participation**

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

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**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?

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Effective, beneficial, good practice**

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

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**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?

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**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

<https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/how-ndis-supports-work-menu/reasonable-and-necessary-supports>

YES	NO
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

**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.

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| <p><b>1.</b> Do you need the support because of impairments that meet the disability or early intervention requirements?</p>   | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |
| <p><b>2.</b> Is the support likely to meet your needs and will it help you to achieve the goals in your NDIS plan?</p>   | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |
| <p><b>3.</b> Is the cost of the support reasonable and is it value for money compared to other supports?</p>   | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |
| <p><b>4.</b> Can you afford the support or service within your approved NDIS budget?<br/>Remember, your funding needs to last the entire period of your plan.</p>  | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |
| <p><b>5.</b> Is the support an NDIS support for you?<br/>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 <a href="https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/how-ndis-supports-work-menu/reasonable-and-necessary-supports">https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/how-ndis-supports-work-menu/reasonable-and-necessary-supports</a></p> | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |
| <p><b>6.</b> Is it safe? Your supports and services should not cause you any harm or put other people at risk.</p>   | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |
| <p><b>7.</b> Is it legal? Your supports must be legal.</p>   | <p>YES</p> <input type="radio"/> | <p>NO</p> <input type="radio"/> |

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