



NDIS and Transport



This is about transport assistance funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



The NDIS has rules about transport funding in your plan.

Until now, you have been able to choose to pay your provider (The Disability Trust) from the same budget as your support staff are paid from.



A new NDIS price guide came out on July 1st 2019 – it says that transport can now only be paid out of the budget for transport.



There are generally 3 levels of funding for transport:

Level 1 = \$1,606

Level 2 = \$2,472 or

Level 3 = \$3,456.



The level paid depends on whether you have a job and what other activities you do.



Many people need much more than this to fund their transport needs.



The NDIS says that if your transport costs more than what's available in your NDIS plan, you need to pay the costs yourself.



We know this is going to be hard for most people – especially for people who don't have the money to pay for transport themselves.



We have tried to tell the NDIS that this will make it hard for people with disabilities to reach their goals, but they won't change the rule.

WHAT'S NEXT?



All service providers have to follow the NDIS rules – including The Disability Trust - so over the next few months we will have to change how we're charging you for the transport support we provide.



We will talk with you about the changes.



We will work with you to make the changes that are needed. All the changes need to happen by the end of January 2020.



We will help you get ready for your next plan review so you can ask the NDIS to put the right transport funding in your plan.



WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?



You could give feedback to the NDIS and tell them about how the NDIS transport rules will affect you.



You could talk with your support coordinator if you have one – or try your facilitator or key worker.



You could ask for a Review of your Plan to ask for more funding in your transport budget.



You could ask an advocate or advocacy organisation to help you speak up.



You could contact your local Politician and tell them about how the NDIS transport rules will affect you.



The Disability Trust understands this is a very important issue – it's important you have the transport support you need to get to your job and the activities you enjoy.



The Disability Trust supports your right to have the help you need to achieve your NDIS goals.



If you need help with this transport issue, please contact us.