

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA)

Do you have such high needs associated with your disability that mean you require specialised / custom housing to enable you to receive your supports?

For example, you may require extensive accessible modifications, additions or other design features for your home to enable your supports to be provided.

If you answer **YES** to this question then you may be eligible to receive Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) funding in your NDIS plan and package of supports.

What is Specialist Disability Accommodation?

Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) is the actual housing that enables people with very high needs to receive the support they need. **SDA will provide funding towards the cost of the physical environment** for eligible NDIS participants.

SDA funding will support the creation and maintenance of specialised homes for people with very high needs. SDA is not housing for all people with a disability, it only caters for those that need a specialist housing solution.

SDA homes may range from a purpose built apartment in a mixed development through to a modified free standing house.

How do I get SDA in my NDIS plan?

As an NDIS participant you will go through a planning process in which you meet with an NDIS representative to have a conversation about your situation which can include conversations about your need for SDA. This process may then lead to an assessment of your need for SDA.

If you are deemed eligible for SDA this can be included in your plan and if you move into an SDA dwelling this SDA funding will be paid to the provider of your housing.

What if I am not eligible for SDA but I still need support?

It's important to remember that you can still get NDIS supports funded if you aren't eligible for SDA.

SDA funding is not for the support services a person will receive while living in their accommodation (e.g. support with activities of daily living), this support is funded separately by the NDIS.

Most people who receive NDIS funded supports to live independently will not receive an SDA payment in their plan.

Where can I get more information about SDA?

- Contact **the NDIS** on 1800 800 110, or
- Contact **The Disability Trust** on 02 4255 8000 (email NDIS@disabilitytrust.org.au)