

GETTING THE NDIS BACK ON TRACK

FINANCE, INCOME AND PAYMENTS

The NDIA has provided clarification on supports that may or may not be able to be claimed from NDIS plans. Supports that are not NDIS



The role of the NDIS is not to be used for payment of certain expenses. This includes; legal costs, insurance, debts and other fees.

An NDIS plan is not able to be used as a source of income or payment for the NDIS participant or their family.

This is also why the NDIA does not typically allow family members to provide support and be paid for using a participant's plan.

The supports listed below are not able to be claimed from your plan.

Fines and legal costs	Fines, penalties, and court-ordered amounts. Legal costs or fees paid to lawyers. Child Support payments.
Gift Cards	Gift cards for purchase of items
Donations and Gifts	Donations or gifts made to charities, organisations, religions or political parties.
Insurance	Travel insurance, life insurance, home and contents insurance, car insurance.
Health costs	Health insurance, ambulance membership, gap payments for Medicare funded services and private health insurance claims
Debts	Debts, liabilities, loan repayments, buy now pay later payments, and taxes.
Business costs	Business development and business skills development costs including company registration, book-keeping, accounting services or software
Superannuation or Employee Costs	Superannuation for participants or relevant parties. Fringe benefits for staff or contractors
Education fees	School / education fees including TAFE and university

Payment to a family member for supports	Payments made to family members from your funding is not allowed without specific permission and approval.
Income replacement	Income support payments, rent subsidy, income supplementation, income protection insurance, shares or investments

Supports that may be funded by the NDIS

There are some supports that are possibly able to be claimed from the NDIS funding. However these supports will depend on your plan and what the planner has included in your funding.

There may be the possibility that any additional costs can be claimed if your modified vehicle insurance cost is higher than a standard vehicle. Only the addition is claimable and this should be discussed with your planner to ensure that this is in line with your plan.



Other services you can go to for help

There are a number of services that provide help for a range of financial issues for Australians. You can visit the following services below for some assistance.

Services Australia	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/
Disability Support Pension	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/disability-support-pension
Carer payment/ allowance	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carers-payment?context=21816
Legal Aid	https://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au/Home
National Debt Helpline	https://ndh.org.au/
Find a Financial Counsellor	https://www.afsa.gov.au/i-cant-pay-my-debts/support-services/where-fi-nd-help-managing-debts