

GETTING THE NDIS BACK ON TRACK

MAINSTREAM – SCHOOL, HIGHER ED, VOCATIONAL ED & TRAINING

Education is very important for personal growth and independence. With the new NDIS rules starting on 3rd October, 2024, the NDIS has made it clear what kinds of support are available for education. This document gives you information about supports for school, higher education, and vocational training that you might be able to claim from NDIS funding.

The supports you can get may be different for each person, so it's essential to talk with your NDIS planner or representative to make sure you're using the right supports for your education.

Supports that are NDIS

The NDIS understands that work and education are important for being independent and growing as a person.

They have confirmed that they can help with getting and keeping a job or accessing higher education.

Here's what you need to know:



The supports listed below are likely able to be claimed from NDIS funding.

Assistance to Access and Maintain Employment or Higher Education	<p>This support helps people with disabilities find and keep jobs or succeed in school.</p> <p>This is a support you need to request in your plan.</p>
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Supports that are not NDIS



When it comes to education, there are certain costs that the NDIS does not cover.

Here's a list of what you cannot claim from the NDIS related to school and higher education:

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

School Education	
Fees and Payments	Outside school hours care, education and tuition fees.
Uniforms and Supplies	Standard uniforms, shoes, lunchboxes, drink bottles, and other school equipment.
Learning Supports	Personalised learning supports, tutors, and scribes.
Aids and Equipment	Modified computer hardware, educational software, braille textbooks, and assistive products like hoists and specialised furniture.
Campus Access	Reasonable adjustments, such as ramps, lifts, and modifications to improve access.
Educational Services	Services from school staff, textbooks, and teaching aids.
Activities and Programs	School camps, incursions, excursions, transport for activities, and work experience.
Higher Education and VET	
Fees and Supports	Education and tuition fees, personalised learning supports, and educational supports (including assistive technology).
Building Modifications	Changes to facilities to improve access.
Educational Services	Services from educational staff and textbooks in alternative formats.
Transition Training	Education and training to facilitate transition to employment.

Supports that may be funded by the NDIS

The NDIS understands that education is a vital part of life and can provide specific supports to help individuals with disabilities access and succeed in their educational settings.

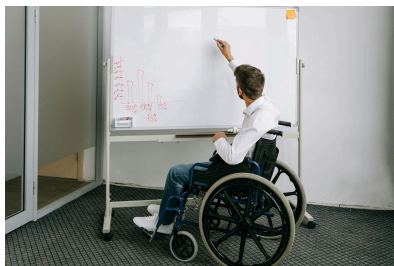
Two important areas of support include in-kind personal care in schools and specialist school transport.



The supports listed below may be able to be claimed from your plan.

In-kind Personal Care in School	Help with eating, using the bathroom, and personal hygiene throughout the school day.
Specialist School Transport	Specialist transport ensures that students can get to school easily and safely, which is important for attending classes and participating in school activities.

Other services you can go to for help



In addition to the support provided by the NDIS, there are other services that can assist individuals with disabilities in accessing education and training.

These resources can help with everything from finding suitable educational programs to providing additional support in schools and vocational settings. Exploring these options can enhance your educational experience and provide valuable assistance.

Here are some organisations and resources to consider:

Skills for Education and Employment (SEE)	A program that helps eligible individuals improve their language, literacy, and numeracy skills for better access to education and employment opportunities. dese.gov.au/skills-education-and-employment
Vocational Education and Training (VET)	Provides information on vocational training options and pathways for students with disabilities, including support services available through TAFE and other institutions. tafe.qld.gov.au
Headspace	Offers mental health support for young people, including counselling and resources related to education and vocational training headspace.org.au