



Phased implementation of the NDIS in Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is progressively rolling out across Queensland over three years from July 2016 to June 2019.

This fact sheet provides information about Queensland's phased rollout of the NDIS.

About the NDIS

The NDIS is a new way of providing individualised support for people with permanent disability that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

The Scheme is being implemented by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). It connects participants with community and mainstream supports and funds reasonable and necessary supports to assist them to pursue their goals and aspirations, and participate in daily life.

People do not need to be registered with Disability Services, or any other Queensland Government department, to participate in the NDIS.

Transition to the NDIS

In March 2016, the Queensland Government signed a Bilateral Agreement with the Commonwealth Government, detailing Queensland's full transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Under the agreement, the NDIS is being rolled out progressively across Queensland over three years from July 2016 to June 2019.

The NDIS is being introduced in stages according to the funding arrangements in the Bilateral Agreement.

Rollout schedule

Queenslanders will progressively enter the scheme as follows.

Year one roll out 2016-17

Townsville, Hinchinbrook, Burdekin, west to Mount Isa, and up to the gulf	1-Jul-2016
Mackay, Isaac and Whitsundays	1-Nov-2016
Toowoomba and west to the borders	1-Jan-2017
Ipswich, Lockyer, Scenic Rim and Somerset	1-July-2017 (May-17 for existing service users)

Year two roll out 2017-18

Bundaberg	1-Oct-2017 (1-Sep-17 for existing service users)
Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the borders	1-Jan-2018 (1-Nov-17 for existing service users)

Year three roll out 2018-19

Logan and Redlands	1-Jul-2018
Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Croydon, Etheridge, Cape York and Torres Strait	1-Jul-2018
Brisbane suburbs	1-Jul-2018
Fraser Coast, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg	1-Jul-2018
Gold Coast and Hinterland	1-Jul-2018
Moreton Bay including Strathpine and Caboolture	1-Jan-2019
Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Gympie	1-Jan-2019

Queensland Government has taken the opportunity to bring forward the rollout date for people with disability who are current users of Queensland Government disability services in the areas of Ipswich, Lockyer, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Bundaberg and Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the borders.

Benefits for Queenslanders

Under the NDIS the number of Queenslanders receiving disability supports is expected to grow to up 90,000 by 2019. This is expected to create between 15,900 and 19,400 additional jobs and inject approximately \$4 billion per year into the Queensland economy.

Accessing the NDIS

People with disability who need disability support can submit a request to access the NDIS from six months before the scheduled rollout date in their area.

People do not need to be registered with Disability Services, or any other Queensland Government department, to participate in the NDIS.

The Commonwealth and Queensland Governments have agreed that people who are already receiving disability supports, but who are not eligible for the NDIS, will continue to be supported to achieve similar outcomes, through Continuity of Support arrangements.

The Queensland Government will continue to work with the NDIA, service providers and people with disability, their families and carers throughout the transition period to ensure the best possible outcomes for Queenslanders.

Support until transition

If you need specialist disability support or services before the start of the NDIS in your area or you require changes to the support you currently receive, you can contact Disability Services on 13 QGOV (137 468).

For more information

- www.ndis.gov.au for further information on the NDIS, to find out when a community will transition and to sign-up for the NDIS e-newsletter or call the **NDIS Hotline 1800 800 110**
- www.communities.qld.gov.au/ndis for information on Queensland's NDIS preparations, the Queensland NDIS events calendar and to sign up to the Queensland NDIS e-blast
- www.qld.gov.au/disability for information about current services for Queenslanders with disability or call **13 QGOV (13 74 68)**
- follow us on **Twitter @NDIS** and **@disabilityQLD**
- for people with hearing or speech loss **TTY 1800 555 677**
- speak and listen **1800 555 727**
- for people who need help with English **TIS 131 450**

