



ACCESSING THE NDIS WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF ADHD (BEFORE 30TH JUNE 2021)

As most people are aware ADHD does not appear on the list of disabilities supported by the NDIS, which means that unless there is another disability that could be a primary disability, the ADHD cannot be considered by the NDIS.

In practice, some people with ADHD have gained access relatively easily, others with difficulty and yet more have had their applications refused.

Please Note:

Our understanding is that Access information suggests that if the information provided for someone with a mental health condition is not sufficient, the NDIS should ask for the Evidence of Psychosocial Disability be sent out for the appropriate clinician to fill in.

This advice is for NDIS only, i.e. over 7 years, and not Early Intervention, where diagnosis should not be a significant issue.

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From July 1st 2021, all those wishing to access the NDIS will be offered a free Independent Functional Impairment Assessment. The Participant will have to meet age, residency and permanency of condition requirements, which should not be an issue, as we know ADHD is a lifelong condition.

By the end of 2021 it is anticipated that all reviews will be by this type of assessment.

This process is designed to be equitable. Not everyone has the resources, financial, cognitive, support systems, and technical, to gather the information required for a successful NDIS application. The criteria for entry is by impairment, not a label.

Tools being used by NDIS

The tools that are being used at each age range are available at www.ndis.gov.au/participants/independent-assessments/independent-assessment-toolkit/assessment-tools-toolkit

More information can easily be accessed via these pages, as to how the process is designed to work.

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Currently, there are 2 available routes to consider in order to apply for access to NDIS support

1. The diagnosis can be placed under "Neurological -Other) on the NDIS list, with a DSM diagnosis of Neurocognitive Dysfunction. It's not a good fit but a Neuropsychology Report, and a creative Psychiatrists report will work.
2. A Psychosocial Disability application does not need a DSM 5 diagnosis. An Evidence of Psychosocial Disability Form needs to be used. It can be filled in by a Psychiatrist, GP or "the most appropriate Clinician".

Our understanding is that:

Participant Information is still going to be crucial for those with ADHD. The guide for adults will be updated to meet changes to fit with purpose.

ADHD Foundation NDIS team will keep working on a detailed list of impairments related to ADHD symptoms in different age groups of children.

This NDIS project is a priority to ADHD Foundation and we will try to have resources available for all age groups by 30th June 2021.

The ADHD Foundation has some concerns about the availability of Independent Assessors, which could seriously slow down the Access process.

The Team at ADHD Foundation work hard for our community and without the support of our dedicated and passionate volunteers, we would not be able to achieve and strive to provide valuable information to our community.

We run our services on the generous financial support of donations. We do not ask for membership fees and are grateful for any donations we receive as this helps to extend our services to our community.

ADHD Foundation is a "for purpose" not for profit organisation registered and approved by ACNC as a charity with ATO DGR status. Therefore we are very grateful for any donations made to our organisation and donations over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Donations can be made [HERE](#)



Access Request Form

Complete this form to request to become a participant in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). You must provide proof of age, residence (including citizenship or visa status) and disability (or your need for early intervention supports) with this Access Request Form. We cannot make a decision on your access request without this information.

If you have questions about this form, need help to complete it or would like more information about the NDIS, please contact us:

Phone: 1800 800 110

TTY: 1800 555 677

Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727

Internet Relay: Visit <http://relayservice.gov.au> and ask for 1800 800 110

Email: NAT@ndis.gov.au

Please return the completed form to:

Mail: GPO Box 700, Canberra, ACT 2601

Email: NAT@ndis.gov.au or

In person: take it to your local NDIA office

Part A: Your details (the person wishing to become an NDIS participant)

Full name	
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified
Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to disclose
Country of birth	
Language spoken at home	
Are you living in Australia permanently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Current home address (include state and postcode)	
Postal address (include state and postcode)	<input type="checkbox"/> As above <i>If different to current home address:</i>
For Western Australia or Northern Territory only: What was your home address on 1 July 2014?	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as current home address above <i>If different to current home address:</i>

Are you an Australian Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If NO, what type of visa do you have?	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent visa <input type="checkbox"/> Protected special category visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other including temporary visa (<i>please specify below</i>) Visa Type: Nationality: Passport Number:

Part B: Your privacy and consent to collect and share your information

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) collects personal information to help us determine whether you can access the NDIS. As a participant, the NDIA will also collect and use your information to help develop and implement your NDIS Plan and do other things related to the NDIS.

In addition to collecting certain information from you, we may contact your service providers, health and medical practitioners and other government agencies to request the provision of personal and health information about you which will help us to determine whether you meet the access requirements for the NDIS and, if so, to provide supports to you under the NDIS.

If you live in Shared Supported Accommodation, (e.g. a home shared with other people with disabilities that includes shared support from paid staff), we may also disclose your personal information to personnel employed within the group home to enable the Agency to collect further personal information about you in order to support the development of your NDIS plan if you become a participant.

Please note that if you do not consent to the collection of your personal information, the NDIA may not be in a position to determine whether you meet the access requirements for the NDIS or develop your NDIS Plan if you become a participant. More information about the collection, use, disclosure and storage of your personal information by the NDIA can be accessed on our online Privacy Notice and Privacy Policy at www.ndis.gov.au/privacy or by contacting the NDIA.

Do you consent to the NDIA collecting your information including from these third parties, for the purposes of determining whether you meet the access requirements for the NDIS and to help develop or implement your NDIS Plan if you become a participant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I consent OR <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not consent.
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You can give us **consent to obtain information about your age, disability, and residence from Centrelink** (below) or you can provide us with certified copies of the required documents yourself.

We cannot make a decision without this information.

The Australian Government Department of Human Services (including Centrelink and Medicare)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I consent My CRN is: OR <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not consent. I will provide the information myself.
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Part C: How would you like the NDIA to contact you?

How would you like us to contact you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Home phone (insert number): TTY (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile phone (insert number): <input type="checkbox"/> Email (insert address):
How would you like to receive letters?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Post
Do you need an interpreter to help us talk with you?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, specify language:
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not contact me directly. Instead, contact:	<input type="checkbox"/> My parent/legal guardian or representative (Part D) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

Part D: Parent, legal guardian or representative details (if applicable)

Complete this section if you are filling out this form for:

- a person aged under 18 for whom you have parental responsibility, OR
- a person for whom you are a representative or a legal guardian.

You do not need to complete this section if you are just helping the person fill out this form.

NOTE: *If you are a legally appointed guardian, you will need to provide your Proof of Identity (POI) and guardianship status to the NDIA. This information can be verified through the Australian Department of Human Services (Centrelink) using the CRN provided on page 2 (if applicable) or you can provide copies of two POI documents (or a 'Government issued photo card') and the guardianship document with this form.*

Full name	
Relationship to person making request	
Phone (include TTY if applicable)	
How would you like to receive letters?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email Email address: <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Same address as person making request <i>If different address, please provide details:</i>
Do you need an interpreter?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, specify language:

Part E: Information about your carers and family members (if applicable)

Carer's full name	
Contact phone number (include TTY if applicable)	
Will your carer be taking part in the planning conversation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have another family member who is, or is seeking to become, an NDIS participant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide their name:

Part F: Your disability, or need for early intervention supports

So we can determine whether you (or your child) meet the disability or early intervention access requirements (including developmental delay), you need to provide us with information about your disability or impairment.

Primary disability: (This is the disability that has the most impact on your daily life)	
Please list other disabilities (if any):	
Did you acquire your disability because of an injury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you seeking, or have you previously sought compensation related to your disability or injury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you have undertaken one or more of the following assessments or reports in relation to your disability, please provide a copy with your Access Request Form.

- The Care and Needs Scale (CANS)
- Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, 2nd Ed (Vineland-II)
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Ed (DSM-5) – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Ed (DSM-4) – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS)
- Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System (ABAS)
- Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)
- Gross Motor Functional Classification Scale (GMFCS)
- Communication Function Classification Score (CFCS)
- Manual Ability Classification System (MACS)
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Ed (DSM-5) – Intellectual Disability
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Ed (DSM-4) – Intellectual Disability
- Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals, 4th Ed
- Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence, 3rd Ed (WPPSI-III)
- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-IV)
- IQ test

- Hearing Loss (Measured in decibels in better ear)
- Disease Steps
- Expanded Disability Status Scale
- Level of lesion
- ASIA Score
- Modified Rankin Scale
- Visual acuity level
- Visual field loss (horizontal and vertical)
- World Health Organisation Disability Assessment Schedule (WHODAS 2.0)
- Other

We need supporting information about your disability and the impact it has on your mobility, communication, social interaction, learning, self-care and/or ability to self-manage.

You can do this by:

Providing us with copies of reports, letters or assessments from your health or education professional detailing your (or your child's) impairment and the impact it is has on daily life

OR

By asking a professional to complete the section below:

Full name of professional (health or education)	
Professional qualification	
Phone	
Email	
Length of time you have known or treated the person making request?	
Primary disability and any secondary disabilities:	
Current treatment (if any):	
Is there any other treatment that is likely to remedy the impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1. Mobility/motor skills

Moving around the home (crawling/walking), getting in or out of bed or a chair, leaving the home and moving about in the community

Note: Assistance required does not include commonly used items such as glasses, walking sticks, non-slip bath mats, bathroom grab rails and hand rails installed at stairs

<p>Does the person require assistance to be mobile because of their disability?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, does not need assistance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs special equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistive technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistance from other persons: (physical assistance, guidance, supervision or prompting)</p>
<p>If yes, please describe the type of assistance required:</p>	

2. Communication

Being understood in spoken, written or sign language, understanding others and express needs and wants by gesture, speech or context appropriate for age

<p>Does the person require assistance to communicate effectively because of their disability?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, does not need assistance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs special equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistive technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistance from other persons: (physical assistance, guidance, supervision or prompting)</p>
<p>If yes, please describe the type of assistance required:</p>	

3. Social Interaction

Making and keeping friends, interacting with the community (or playing with other children), coping with feelings and emotions

<p>Does the person require assistance to interact socially because of their disability?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, does not need assistance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs special equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistive technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistance from other persons: (physical assistance, guidance, supervision or prompting)</p>
<p>If yes, please describe the type of social interaction assistance required:</p>	

4. Learning

Understanding and remembering information, learning new things, practising and using new skills

<p>Does the person require assistance to learn effectively because of their disability?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, does not need assistance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs special equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistive technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistance from other persons: (physical assistance, guidance, supervision or prompting)</p>
<p>If yes, please describe the type of assistance required:</p>	

5. Self-Care

Showering/ bathing, dressing, eating toileting, caring for own health (not applicable for children under two years of age)

Note: Assistance required does not include commonly used items such as non-slip bath mats, bathroom grab rails and hand rails installed at stairs

<p>Does the person require assistance with self-care because of their disability?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, does not need assistance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs equipment/ assistive technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistance from another person in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> showering/bathing <input type="checkbox"/> eating/drinking <input type="checkbox"/> overnight care (e.g. turning) <input type="checkbox"/> toileting <input type="checkbox"/> dressing
<p>If yes, please describe the type of assistance required:</p>	

6. Self-Management

Doing daily jobs, making decisions and handling problems and money (not applicable for children under 8 years of age)

<p>Does the person require assistance with self-management because of their disability?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, does not need assistance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs special equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistive technology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, needs assistance from other persons: (physical assistance, guidance, supervision or prompting)</p>
<p>If yes, please describe the type of assistance required:</p>	
<p>Signature of Professional</p>	
<p>Date</p>	

Part G: Change of circumstances

The law requires you to tell the NDIA if a change of circumstances happens (or is likely to happen) that might affect your request to be a participant in the NDIS or, if you become a participant, that might affect your status as a participant or your NDIS Plan.

For example, you must tell us if your disability support needs change, you move house or overseas, or receive compensation relating to an injury.

You must tell us as soon as you reasonably can. You can do this in person, over the telephone or by letter, email or fax.

Part H: Signature

When I sign this Access Request Form:

- I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct and that I have given all of the information and documents that I have or can get that are required by this Access Request Form.
- I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.
- I understand that I am giving consent for the NDIA to do the things with my information set out in Part B and with the people I have indicated in Part D. I understand that I can withdraw my consent for the NDIA to do things with my information at any time by letting the NDIA know.
- I understand that I can access the NDIA's Privacy Notice and Privacy Policy on the NDIA website or by contacting the NDIA.
- I understand that if I have selected email under Part C as my preferred means of communication, that the NDIA may email me sensitive or confidential information. I understand that the NDIA cannot guarantee the security of the email once it leaves the NDIA system.
- I understand that my access to the following Commonwealth programs will cease (if applicable) if I become a participant in the NDIS:
 - Helping Children with Autism and Better Start
 - Mobility Allowance

Signature:

Date:

Full Name (please print):

If you have signed this Access Request Form on behalf of the person wishing to become an NDIS participant, please complete the details below. It is an offence to provide false or misleading information.

Full name of person completing this form (please print):

Relationship to person wishing to become an NDIS participant:

We may require you to provide evidence of your authority to sign on behalf of the person.