



How to maximise your NDIS funding?

You are not alone when it comes down to managing your NDIS funding effectively and efficiently. Every NDIS Plan differs from person to person and it all comes down to understanding how your plan is being managed as well as understanding the following categories within your NDIS Plan i.e. [Core, Capital and Capacity Building](#).

Often, a lack of understanding about how you can spend your NDIS funding leads to people not making the most of their plans and because of this around 30% of NDIS funding goes unspent according to the 2019 federal budget.

The most important aspect of either managing your funds or having them managed for you is ensuring that your goals are met.

The NDIS can be confusing and there are lots of reasons why people might not be making the most of their funding and we have listed some below:

- Finding the right support or services in your area
- Planning where you are going to spend your NDIS budget
- Not understanding the NDIS Plan

How to maximise your NDIS budget going forward?

- write a plan as to where you need to focus your supports
- plan your budget and spending
- think of the tasks you require around the house as well as the carers you will need to support you
- will you need assistance with transport?
- do you need any equipment, aids or consumables (e.g. bed protectors, incontinence pads)?
- Are there any home modifications that you need?

What are the options available to manage your NDIS Plan?

- **Self-Management:** You or your nominee (such as a parent or family member) will manage your NDIS plan including processing and paying invoices and keeping track of your funding and expenses. You can access both registered and unregistered service providers.
- **Plan Management:** A registered Plan Management provider, like Plan Manage Assist, will ensure you maintain choice and control over your plan without the stress of having to take on the financial and administrative tasks of Self-Management. You can access both registered and unregistered service providers.
- **Agency Management:** with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). You can only access NDIS registered service providers.

