



Independent Assessments will be introduced in 2021

The NDIS know independent assessments are a big change for people applying to access the NDIS, and for existing participants. The NDIS understands that change can create uncertainty.

That is why the Minister for the NDIS, Stuart Robert, has announced independent assessments will be introduced in 2021 now. “We want to give applicants to the NDIS, existing participants and the disability community time to prepare for the introduction of independent assessments”.

The NDIS is committed to working with participants, their families and carers, peak bodies, disability organisations and peer and family networks between now and the start of independent assessments, to make sure they work effectively for participants.

Here are the reasons the NDIS are making these mandatory:

- We want all people, regardless of their situation to have the same access to internationally recognised, evidence-based assessments
- Having complete and consistent information will help the NDIS to make sure the NDIS is fair and consistent for all participants
- Having everyone go through the same assessment process will help the NDIS move from annual plan reviews, to plan reviews based on life stages, or when you experience significant changes in function. While they have already introduced the opportunity for longer plan durations, they want more participants to have plan lengths which meets their needs.

Key facts

- Your independent assessment will focus on your capability, rather than your disability
- An independent assessment uses recognised, standardised tools
- Independent assessors are qualified health care professionals, not NDIA employees and can only be done by an allied health professional on the independent assessor panel
- Your doctor or allied health professional will still be involved in your access request for the NDIS, as they will continue to be responsible for diagnosis and providing important information relating to your disability as part of the eligibility requirement
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