

What does the new National Disability Insurance Scheme mean for Diabetes Educators?

NDIS is the National Disability Insurance Scheme - a new way of providing community linking and individualised support for people with permanent and significant disability, their families and carers.

The NDIS will provide to eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

- We provide information and referrals, links to services and activities, individualised plans and where necessary, supports over a lifetime.
- We raise community awareness and encourage greater inclusion and access to mainstream services, community activities and other government initiatives.
- We support service providers to build capacity and be part of the scheme.
- Over time, we will find new and better ways of providing support, by building on what works well and learning from the lived experience of people with disability.

More information is available at <http://www.ndis.gov.au/>

The NDIS is being rolled out in stages through Australia. From 1 July 2013, the NDIS began in Tasmania for young people aged 15-24, in South Australia for children aged 0-14, and in the Barwon area of Victoria and the Hunter area in NSW for people up to age 65. From 1 July 2014, the NDIS will commence across the ACT the Barkly region of Northern Territory and in the Perth Hills area of Western Australia. Roll out of the full scheme in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and the Northern Territory will commence progressively from July 2016.

Can a Diabetes Educator register as a provider of supports under the NDIS?

Supports received through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are not intended to replace that which is provided through other systems (such as housing, health, education, income support). The health system has responsibility for assisting participants with clinical and medical treatment, including the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will provide individualised funding for disability supports. However, health treatments such as diabetes education will remain the responsibility of the health system and as such, registration to provide diabetes education is unnecessary.

For further detail visit <http://www.ndis.gov.au/providers>