NDIS plan funding changes

NDIS funding changes and protected supports

1 Reductions

- 50% cut across : support for community activities
- 10% cut: support to build everyday living skills

2 Protected high support needs

- High intensity,
- Intensive and complex behaviour
- disability-related health support items

3 Also protected

- Employment supports,
- Customised and wearable technology
- Hearing services

Plans created or re-assessed from Oct 1 2026 or renewed from 1 February by 30 September 2027

Special funding request

High support needs funding: who may qualify for a variation

Apply within 90 days of the cut starting. More time is only available in special circumstances.

1 Your funding before the cut

$215,030 across one or more budgets:

- Assistance with Daily Living,
- Home and Living, or
- Assistance with Social, Economic and Community Participation

2 24/7 support

- NDIA records must show funding for 24-hour disability support
- Shared and overnight support can count
- You do not always need your own worker
- If there is a gap in your 24/7 supports post cut

The NDIA calculates extra funding using the community support hours you lost, the price limit for your main daytime support and how many people share a worker. Any extra funding goes towards daily living or home and living support. It cannot be more than the amount cut.

Melba can check the rules and deadline with you. The NDIA decides.

What families can do now

Contact your usual Melba team member as soon as your plan changes.

1 **Share your plans**

Send your new and old plans, plus any NDIA letters, to your usual Melba contact

2 **Share your worries**

Tell us if you may lose day or night support, including shared support or help from family. Melba can help gather information about the support you need

3 **Give permission**

You, or someone officially appointed to make NDIS decisions for you (your nominee), decide. Melba needs permission to send the request for you

Would you like us to call you?
Email **NDISreforms@melbasupport.com.au**
Include your **name** and **phone number** and let us know a good **day** and **time** to call.

You can ask the NDIA to review its decision about whether you qualify for high support needs funding or whether it will change your plan.
Asking for this review cannot reverse the funding cut itself.