

The NDIS roll out - where are we at?

From 1 July 2017 a number of people will be eligible to access the NDIS for the first time, as the scheme rolls out across new regions and age groups in five states and territories. So, where are we at with the roll out and what is yet to come?

The roll out

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was launched in trial sites on 1 July 2013. The Scheme is being progressively rolled out over the next few years across Australia. In each State or Territory, the roll out will be staged to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

ACT - The NDIS commenced in the ACT on 1 July 2014 for people up to age 65.

NSW - The first stage of the NDIS in NSW began in the Hunter area on 1 July 2013. From 1 July 2015 the NDIS was progressively extended to people living in the Hunter New England, Southern New South Wales, Central Coast, Northern Sydney, South Western Sydney, Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains districts are able to access the NDIS now.

From 1 July 2017 the NDIS will begin to be available in South Eastern Sydney, Sydney, Far West District, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Mid North Coast, Murrumbidgee, Northern NSW and Western NSW. The NDIS will be available right across NSW by 30 June 2018.

NT - The NDIS will progressively roll out across the Northern Territory over a three year period, ultimately providing support to more than 6,500 people.

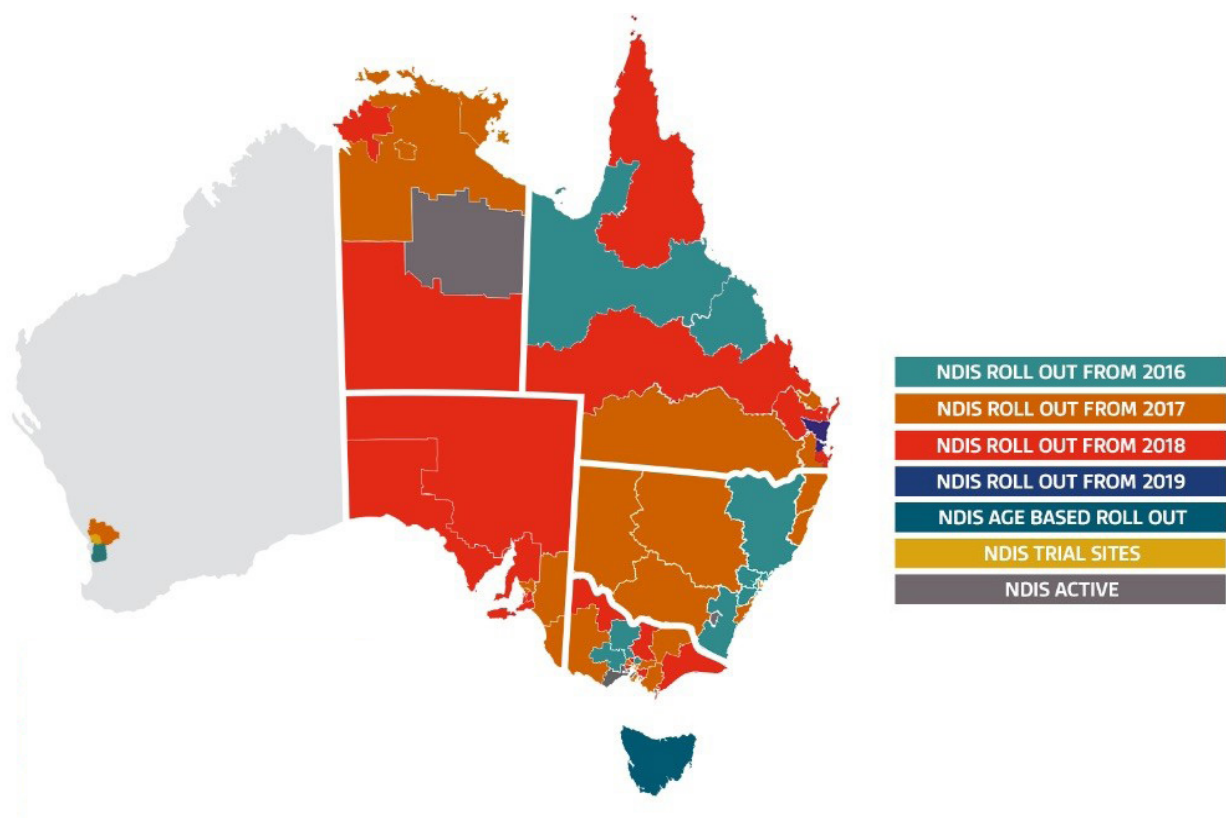


The NDIS commenced in the NT on 1 July 2014 for people up to age 65 living in the Barkly region. From 1 July 2017 the scheme will roll out to Darwin Remote, Katherine and eligible people in supported accommodation in Alice Springs.

QLD - The NDIS will progressively roll out across QLD over a three year period. From 1 January 2016, early transition to the NDIS was available in Townsville City, Charters Towers Regional Council and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire.

Ipswich State clients can will gain access to the NDIS and other eligible people will begin to enter the scheme from July 2017. Bundaberg State clients will begin to enter the NDIS from September 2017 and other eligible people will begin to enter the scheme from October 2017.

Rockhampton State clients will begin to enter the NDIS from November 2017 and other eligible people will begin to enter the scheme from January 2018.



SA - The first stage of the NDIS in SA began on 1 July 2013 for children aged 13 years and under. From 1 February 2016 the NDIS began to be rolled out in full. From 1 July the scheme will expand to Barossa Light and Lower North and Northern Adelaide for adults aged 18 to 64 years.

By July 2018, it is estimated that around 26,000 people will access the NDIS, including around 17,000 people from the existing South Australian specialist disability system. The agreement provides for another 6,500 people who are not currently receiving disability services to enter from July 2018 onwards.

TAS - The first stage of the NDIS began in TAS on 1 July 2013 for young people, aged 15 to 24. From 1 July 2016, the NDIS began to roll out by age group over three years. From 1 July 2017 the scheme will include children aged 4 to 11.

VIC - The first stage of the NDIS in VIC began in the Barwon region on 1 July 2013. From 1 July 2016 the NDIS will begin to be available across other areas of Victoria. The NDIS will be made available progressively across the state over the next three years.

WA - The NDIA's Perth Hills trial site opened on 1 July 2014 for people with disability aged up to 65 living in the local government areas of Swan, Kalamunda and Mundaring.

The trial area is also being expanded from 1 January 2017 to the local government areas of Bayswater, Bassendean, Chittering, Toodyay, York and Northam, covering more than 1200 people by 30 June 2017.

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