



use public transport or their parent's vehicle, even if modified, due to their disability.

A parent/guardian will work with an NDIA planner to develop a participation plan outlining their child's transportation support requirements.

### **Supports funded by the Scheme**

Transportation supports for children most appropriately funded through the NDIS include:

- supports that enable independent travel by the parent and child including training and support to use public transport and transport-related aids and equipment (e.g. mobility aids such as wheelchairs and some scooters)
- modifications to a private vehicle to transport the child with disability and their equipment
- transitional plan arrangements for the reasonable and necessary cost of taxis or other private transport options for children with on-going functional impairments who are not able to travel independently due to their disability.

### **Supports funded by other systems**

The NDIS will not be responsible for:

- ensuring public transport options are accessible to a person with disability, including through the funding of concessions to people with disability to use public transport
- compliance of transport providers and operators with laws dealing with discrimination on the basis of disability, including the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002

# **Mainstream interface: Transport for children**

## **Transportation supports the NDIS will fund for children**

### **About the National Disability Insurance Scheme**

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

The National Disability Insurance Agency (the Agency) has been established to implement the Scheme.

The Agency will build relationships with mainstream service providers and the local community. This will improve their understanding about how they can assist people with disability.

### **What transportation supports are there for children?**

Parents of participants in the Scheme have a responsibility to meet their child's daily transportation requirements.

However, some children may require additional assistance when the child cannot

- transport infrastructure, including road and footpath infrastructure, where this is part of a universal service obligation or reasonable adjustment (including managing disability parking and related initiatives)
- support to compensate for the lack of a public transport system
- a child's day-to-day living costs. This means that expenses such as groceries, utilities and telephone or internet costs are the responsibility of a parent—as are a child's everyday transport requirements
- emergency or in-patient transport
- transport that is a substitute for parental responsibility.

## What happens to the support I already receive?

Any transport support for children will continue once the child becomes a participant in the Scheme.

If a child was receiving transportation assistance before becoming an NDIS participant, an initial support plan may include support with transport for that child if:

- the child will no longer be able to access taxi subsidy arrangements, **and**
- the child's mobility equipment cannot be accommodated in the family car, **or**

- the participant would be severely disadvantaged if these supports were to cease.

This support will remain in place while the participant and their parent/carer work with the Scheme to identify transport options and alternatives.

## What happens if public transport is not available?

State governments are responsible for providing a universal service. The Scheme will not fund transport because the transport system does not provide it.

However, the Scheme may still be able to provide assistance to participants, for example, a Local Area Coordinator can assist parents and guardians to make contact and discuss their child's needs with transport providers.

## More information

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- Email [enquiries@ndis.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@ndis.gov.au)
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