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Supports you cannot spend NDIS money on



Easy Read



Blue words



Some words in this book are **blue**.

We write what the blue words mean.

Help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- understand this book

- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

About this book

This book is from the National Disability Insurance Agency.



We deliver the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** or NDIS.

The NDIS gives services and support to people with **permanent disability**.



Permanent disability means a disability that will **not** go away.



The NDIS also gives services and support to people who need **early intervention**.



Early intervention means we work with some people now so they need less support later.

We agreed to change some laws about the NDIS.



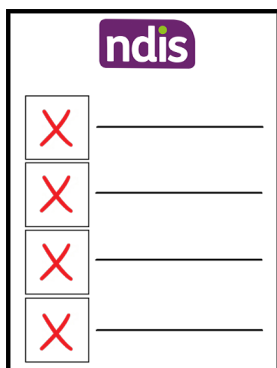
The laws change what supports you

- can spend NDIS money on



- **cannot** spend NDIS money on.

We wrote a new list of supports that you **cannot** spend NDIS money on.



This book is a **summary** of our new list.

Summary means we only include the most important ideas.

Supports that you cannot spend NDIS money on

Day to day living costs



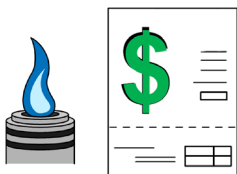
Day to day living costs are things you might

- buy every day
- pay for every month.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- your rent
- food and groceries
- clothes
- travel
- pets
- cigarettes and alcohol
- your gas bill.



Supports that are not evidence based

Evidence based means something is proven to be **effective** and **beneficial**.



Effective means something works well.

Beneficial means something is good for you.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on **alternative medicines**.

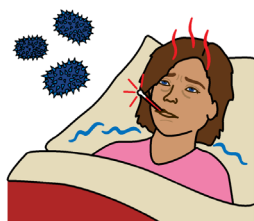
Alternative medicines are medicines that are **not** proven to work.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like beauty treatments.

For example, haircuts.

Supports related to health

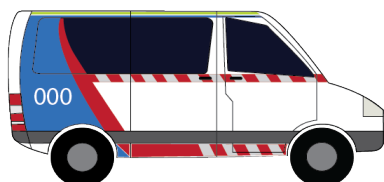


You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- treatment for a health problem that is **not** part of your disability



- medicines



- ambulance services.

Supports related to mental health



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- medicines to treat a mental health problem



- hospital mental health services

- treatment for drug and alcohol problems.

Supports related to child protection and family support



Child protection means help to keep a child safe.



Family support means a family gets help with their problems.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- programs for parents



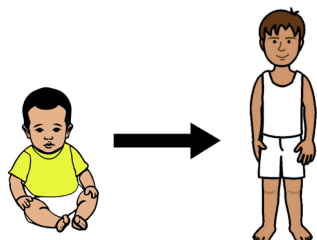
- babysitters

- **marriage counselling.**



Marriage counselling is when someone helps you with problems in your marriage.

Supports related to early childhood development



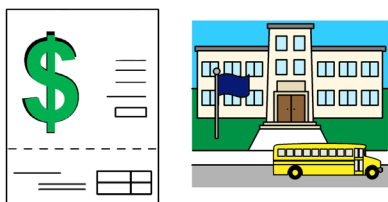
Early childhood development means how a child grows and learns new things.

For example, a child learns to walk and talk.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like childcare.

Supports related to school education



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- school fees



- school uniforms



- school books.

Supports related to higher education and vocational education and training



Higher education means education you get after you finish high school.

For example, university.



Vocational education and training means you learn about a job.

You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- university fees
- services from someone who works at a place that gives higher education.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on transport to education or training if you can

- travel on your own
- use public transport.

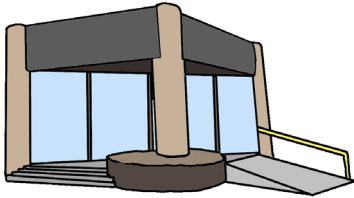
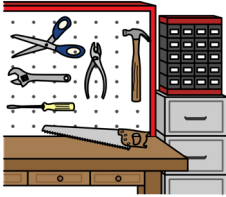


Supports related to employment



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- disability employment services
- things you need to do your job
- changes to improve **access** to the place where you work.



Access means everyone can use it.

Supports related to housing and community infrastructure



Community infrastructure means things that everyone can use.

For example, parks and public buildings.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like

- homes for people who need somewhere to live
- services for people who have nowhere to live
- changes that make it easier to move around a building.

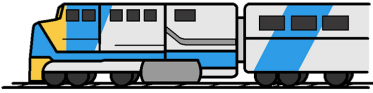


Supports related to transport



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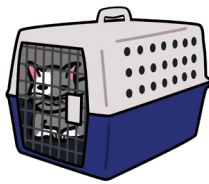
- buses



- trains



- trams



- transport for pets and **companion animals**.

Companion animals are animals that help you feel calm.

Supports related to justice



Justice is when you do crime and must go to court.



You **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like **pre sentence reports** about your mental health.

Pre sentence reports means an expert tells a judge about your mental health.



You also **cannot** spend NDIS money on things like **supervision and monitoring**.

Supervision and monitoring means someone makes sure you do the right thing.

Supports related to aged care



Aged care means care you receive when you get older.

For example, when you are 65 years old.

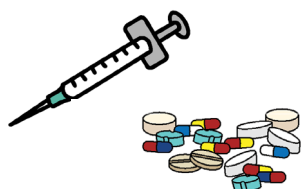
You **cannot** spend NDIS money on mainstream aged care services.

Unlawful goods and services



Unlawful means something that is **not** allowed.

You **cannot** spend NDIS money on something that is **not** allowed.



For example, you cannot spend NDIS money on drugs that are **not** allowed.

Income replacement

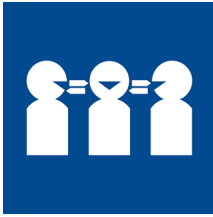
Income replacement means money you get if you

- do not have a job
- cannot work.



You **cannot** spend your NDIS money on things like loan payments.

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