

# NDIS Navigators

Department of Education

A fact sheet for parents and carers

Easy Read version



## How to use this fact sheet



The Victorian Government Department of Education (the department) wrote this fact sheet.

When you see the word 'we', it means the department.



We wrote this fact sheet in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

**Bold**

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

Not bold

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



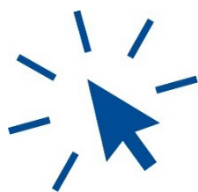
We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 9.



This is an Easy Read summary of another fact sheet.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other fact sheet on our website.

[www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/  
ndis-navigators/resources](http://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/ndis-navigators/resources)



You can ask for help to read this fact sheet.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.

## About NDIS Navigators



We want to support Victorian children with disability to take part in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



So we have created a new job at public specialist schools.

It is called an **NDIS Navigator**.



NDIS Navigators support children with disability and their families to understand how:

- the NDIS works
- to take part in the NDIS.



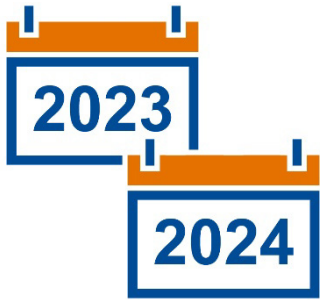
NDIS Navigators don't work for the NDIS.



They work for public specialist schools.

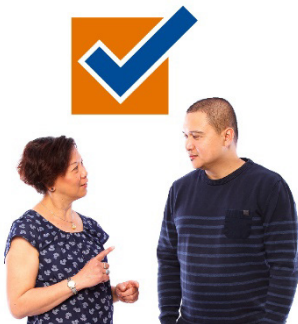


There will be an NDIS Navigator at every public specialist school in Victoria by 2025.



They will start working at some schools in:

- 2023
- 2024.



Your child's school will let you know when an NDIS Navigator is available to support you and your child.



You can choose whether you want support from an NDIS Navigator.



If you don't want their support, your child will still be able to:

- take part in the NDIS
- get support from school.



## How NDIS Navigators can support you



NDIS Navigators can support you to understand different parts of the NDIS.

For example, **NDIS plans**.



An NDIS plan is a document that includes information about:

- your child and their goals
- what support they receive from the NDIS.



NDIS Navigators can help you apply for NDIS supports for your child.



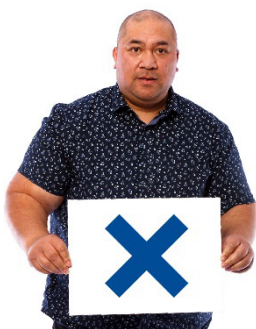
They can also help you and your child find and use NDIS supports.



NDIS Navigators can support you if there are problems with:

- your child's NDIS plan
- the NDIS supports your child receives.

## What NDIS Navigators can't do



NDIS Navigators can't do some things for you and your child.

For example, they can't:



- apply for NDIS supports



- contact the NDIS or **providers**.

Providers support people with disability by delivering a service.



But they can support you to do these things yourself.



NDIS Navigators can't tell you which providers your child should use.

NDIS Navigators also can't support your child:



- by organising your child's disability supports



- in an **emergency**.



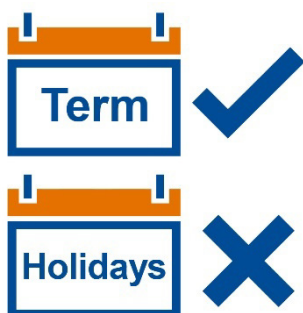
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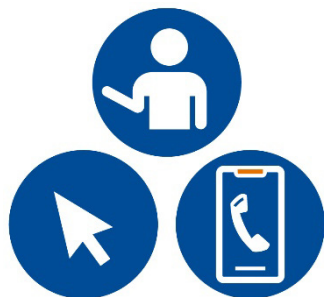
# How you can get support from NDIS Navigators



You can contact your child's school to find out how you can get support from an NDIS Navigator.



You can only get support from NDIS Navigators during the school term.



You might be able to meet with them:

- in person
- online
- over a phone call.



It's free to get support from an NDIS Navigator.



# Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



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## **NDIS Navigators**



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## **NDIS plan**

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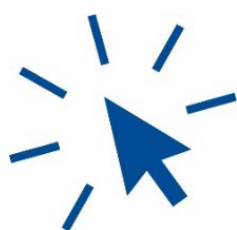
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## More information



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