

NDIS Improved Learning INFORMATION SHEET

Is your goal to learn a new skill or get a qualification?

Whether you're about to complete high school or want to do some study to help you get a job, the NDIS may be able to help. Furthering your education can open up exciting employment opportunities and build confidence.

But how can the NDIS help you take this next step in life?

The NDIS budget category is: **Improved Learning**

Getting you there

In the Capacity Building category there's a budget called **Improved Learning**. If one of the goals in your NDIS Plan is to get a certain job and you need to take a course to help you get there, you may obtain funding in your **Improved Learning** budget.

Finding the right path

Everyone has different talents and interests so the path you take will be unique. Some people choose to go to university, others may prefer a vocational pathway like TAFE, or you may decide to do some work experience to help you learn on the job. Whatever path feels right for you, be sure to include it as a goal in your NDIS Plan so that you receive funding for related supports.

What else might be good to know?

While the NDIS can help support you on your educational journey, it is very particular about what it will and will not fund.

The NDIS will only fund supports that are directly related to your disability needs. The training must be provided by a suitably qualified training provider (such as a university or TAFE) and the course must be a recognised pathway to achieving your goal.

You'll need to demonstrate that there is a clear benefit or outcome from completing the course. As you would expect, you need to maintain satisfactory progress throughout your studies to continue to receive NDIS funding.

The NDIS will not fund:

- Course fees
- Text books
- Membership fees
- Phone calls, photocopying or stationery
- Direct employment assistance such job search activities.

However, if as a result of your disability, there is an increased cost in accessing course materials (for example an audio book that is an additional expense), the NDIS may fund the cost.

*Let us help you build on your skills and independence.
Talk to our friendly team today!*



What learning-related supports can the NDIS fund?

Working through applications, understanding timetables and creating student budgets can be overwhelming for anyone, so the **Improved Learning** category is designed to support you on your pathway to further education.

The supports in this category can assist you with:

- Course applications
- Support through orientation
- Managing and planning your study workload
- Student budgeting
- Specialised transport (if required because of a disability)
- Setting up student accommodation/living arrangements
- Transitioning from high school to further education.

You can also access supports that:

- Pair you with a support worker to accompany you to class
- Offer specialised training to teachers and other staff to help them support and understand your needs
- Help you deal with anxiety or stress
- Help you to develop your social skills
- Link you with mainstream support services.



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