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An Australian Government Initiative

National Disability Insurance Scheme



What is the NDIS?

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provides individualised support for people with a disability, their families and carers.
- Through an individualised package, the NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

Eligibility

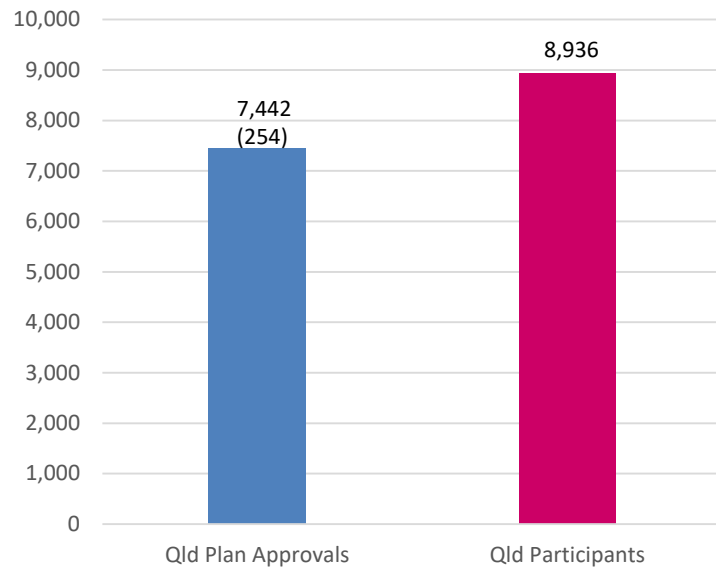
- **Age** – be less than 65 when first applying to enter the NDIS
- **Residency** – be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa
- **Disability** – have a physical and/or psychosocial disability which significantly impacts on everyday life:
 - The disability must have a significant impact on day to day life and on the person's ability to participate in the community
 - Likely to need supports for rest of life

Timeframes for NDIS on the Gold Coast

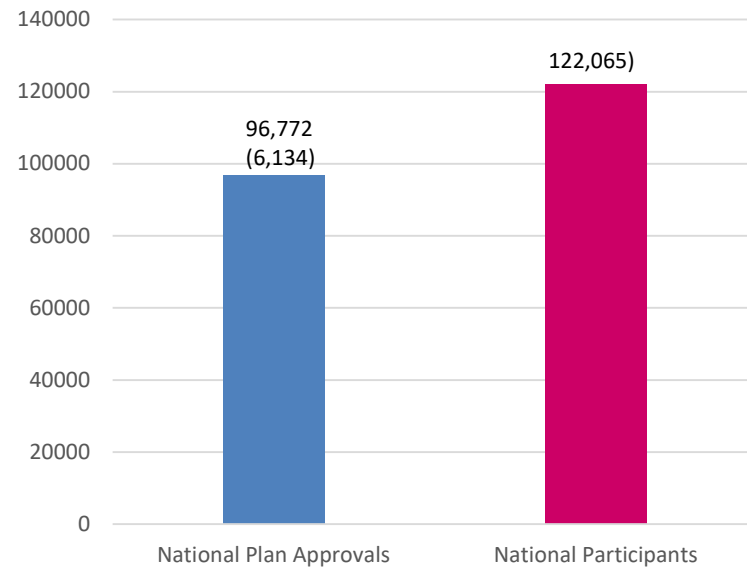
- From 30 June 2018, the NDIS is 'live' on the Gold Coast
- From 1 January to 30 June 2018, people are able to lodge an early application to determine their eligibility

Queensland vs National Progress

Queensland Progress



National Progress



- Psychosocial disability 7%
- Psychosocial annual supports (average package) – Qld ~\$55,000 vs National ~\$42,000
- Intellectual or autism primary disability – Qld 60% vs National 65% participant plans
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants – Qld 9.5% vs National 5%

Why are there low numbers of psychosocial applications gaining access to NDIS?

Possibly due to insufficient documentation being submitted through the Request for Access process. The documentation to go to the NDIS (along with proof of residency and age) are:

- GP report
- Hospitalisation records
- Psychiatrist diagnosis
- Psychologist report
- Functional Impact Assessment (OT)
- Pharmacy report
- HoNOS
- Life skills profile

What is the role of the GP, Psychiatrist and/or allied health in the NDIS access process?

Assist patients to provide evidence to support a request to access the NDIS:

- Completing the relevant NDIS forms
- Documenting that the person has or is likely to have a permanent disability
- Providing copies of reports or assessments relevant to the diagnosis that outline the extent of the functional impact of the disability – six functional domains:

mobility/motor skills

social interaction

self-care

communication

learning

self-management

Education and information for GP's, allied health and Specialists – how GCPHN can assist

- GCPHN can provide education and information to:
 - Identify patients that may be NDIS eligible (physical and/or psychosocial disability)
 - Provide information to these patients and their families
 - Support patients in the request for access process
 - In the future – understand a patients NDIS package and the supports available for the patient

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