

# Victorian National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participant phasing

Fact sheet on transitioning participants to the NDIS

## Purpose

This fact sheet provides information on the first stage of participant phasing arrangements in Victoria, specifically participants in the North East Melbourne Area and people on a waitlist for the Disability Support Register and Early Childhood Intervention Services.

Information about the phasing arrangements for other areas will become available as they are finalised.

## The National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a national reform that will provide a new approach to delivering services and support for people with a disability in Australia.

In September 2015, the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments signed a Bilateral Agreement to see the implementation of the NDIS in Victoria. The agreement outlines a staged geographic transition to the NDIS over three years. This means transition will occur area by area, starting in the North East Melbourne Area and progressing across Victoria.

The Victorian Government is working closely with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), the agency that administers the NDIS, to ensure that the scheme is successfully rolled out across Victoria and to ensure people with a disability experience a smooth transition to the NDIS, with minimal disruption to service.

## Transition to the NDIS

Planning for transition is guided by two key agreements:

- the [Bilateral Agreement](http://www.coag.gov.au/node/526) <www.coag.gov.au/node/526> on Transition to the NDIS agreed between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments

- the [NDIS Operational Plan](http://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/vic) <www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/vic> agreed between the Victorian Government and the NDIA.

The transition is informed by two key principles:

- a commitment to ensuring a smooth transition for people with disability currently receiving supports, with minimal disruption to service; and
- people waiting for supports and with most urgent need across the state entering the NDIS first.

## Participant phasing plan

In order to ensure a smooth transition to the NDIS in Victoria, people in each area will transition according to an agreed participant phasing plan.

This plan has been designed around services that are currently being delivered by the Victorian Government.

It also includes people who are waiting for supports on the Disability Support Register (DSR) and Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS). People on these waitlists will enter the scheme as the first groups in each geographical area.

In addition, children on the ECIS waitlist and people on the DSR who have the most urgent need for supports will enter the scheme within the first two years of the transition period, ahead of their geographic area entering the scheme.

The participant phasing plan for North East Melbourne Area is outlined below. Further detailed sequencing will be made available for each area as it is finalised.

## More information

More information about what the NDIS might mean for you is available online through the [NDIA](#) < [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)>.

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# Victorian participant phasing plan for North East Melbourne Area

- The transition to the NDIS in Victoria will occur based on activities currently funded by the Victorian Government.
- If a person receives support from more than one of the below listed activities, they will enter the NDIS based on which activity phases in first. For example, in this phasing plan for the North East Melbourne Area, if a person is receiving both an Individual Support Package and Home and Community Care (HACC) support and case management, they would enter the NDIS from August 2016.
- The plan below reflects a sub-area transition of the various NDIS eligible activities. This is specific to the North East Melbourne Area, a unique phasing plan will be developed for each area prior to their scheduled transition.

Activities to transition	July 20-6	August 2016	September 2016	October 2016	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
Waitlists (DSR and ECIS)	█											
Supported Accommodation		█	█	█	█							
Individual Support Packages		█										
ECIS				█	█	█						
Student Transport												
Attendant Care				█	█							
Futures for Young Adults						█						
Other disability activities*						█	█	█	█	█	█	
MHCSS**											█	█
HACC												
New clients ^	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Commonwealth - Residential aged care (young people)												
Commonwealth - Home care (young people)												

\* Other disability activities include: community and facility based respite, flexible support packages, outreach, behaviour intervention services, case management, recreation, therapy and independent living training.

\*\* MHCSS activities to transition to the NDIS are: Adult Residential Rehabilitation Services, Individualised Client Support Packages and Supported Accommodation Services.

^ Multi-Purpose Transport Program users will transition to the NDIS along with any existing disability, education or health related activities following the phasing in of all other first named programs.

# Timeframe for participant phasing across Victoria

Area	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016	October 2016	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017	July 2017	August 2017	September 2017	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018	April 2018	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018	September 2018	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019		
North East Melbourne			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																										
Central Highlands							X	X	X	X	X	X																										
Loddon											X	X	X	X	X																							
Inner Gippsland																X	X	X	X	X	X																	
Ovens Murray																X	X	X	X	X	X																	
Western District																X	X	X	X	X	X																	
Inner Eastern Melbourne																	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X											
Outer Eastern Melbourne																	X	X	X	X	X																	
Hume Moreland																					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Bayside Peninsula																						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Southern Melbourne																											X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brimbank Melton																												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Western Melbourne																												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Goulburn																												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mallee																																	X	X	X	X	X	
Outer Gippsland																																	X	X	X	X	X	