



GLOSSARY

ACCESS REQUEST FORM: A form used to make a request to become a participant of the NDIS.

COMMUNITY (NON-FUNDED) SUPPORTS: Activities and interests (not supplied by government groups), which are available to everyone in the community e.g. social, study and sporting interests.

FEROS CARE: Feros Care is a partner in the community, working with the NDIA to help participants, their families and carers access the NDIS within their region.

FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY ASSESSMENT: Functional capacity assessment is a comprehensive assessment completed by an allied health professional which refers to an individual's ability to be involved in life situations and to execute tasks or actions, with and without assistance such as assistive devices and/or personal assistance.

LOCAL AREA COORDINATOR (LAC): LACs work in partnership with the NDIA to help participants, their families and carers access the NDIS. LACs will help participants create their plans and connect with mainstream services and local and community-based supports.

MAINSTREAM SUPPORTS: The government systems providing services to the Australian public e.g. health, mental health, education, justice, housing, child protection and employment services.

NDIA: National Disability Insurance Agency. The Commonwealth government organisation administering the NDIS.

NDIS: National Disability Insurance Scheme. A new way of providing support for Australians with disability, their families and carers.

NDIS FUNDED SUPPORTS: Supports the NDIS pays for through a participant's plan. These supports must be reasonable and necessary.

NDIS PLAN: A written agreement worked out with the participant, stating their goals and needs, and the reasonable and necessary supports the NDIS will fund for them. Each participant has their own individual plan.

PLAN MEETING: A meeting, either in person, or over the phone with your early childhood partner, LAC or NDIA planner to gather all your information to develop the best plan for you. During your planning meeting, make sure you discuss the goals/activities/tasks you want to pursue.

SUPPORT CONNECTION APPOINTMENT: A support connection appointment can support customers, participants, carers and families to access the NDIS, and connect to mainstream services and community-based supports.

REFERENCES

- **Glossary** | NDIS
- **How the planning process works** | NDIS
- **Plan reassessment reports** | NDIS