

# Can you buy it with your NDIS funding?

You'll need to use your NDIS funding in line with your plan. The supports you buy must be <u>NDIS supports</u>. You'll also need to spend in line with any funding periods or funding component amounts in your plan.

Supports listed in your plan as fixed or stated are not flexible. This means funding has been allocated for a specific support or service and can't be used for anything else.

If a support is described generally in your plan, you can choose what you buy that meets the general description of the support.

The following questions can help you use your NDIS funding in line with your plan. If the answer is 'yes', it is likely you can spend your funding on the NDIS support, as long as it's in line with your plan.

If you're unsure, you can talk to your my NDIS contact.

Table 1: Checklist: Do you need the support because of your disability?

Do you need the support because of your disability?	Yes	Unsure
The support you buy must be related to the impairments you meet the disability or early intervention requirements for. You can't use NDIS funding for day-to-day living costs such as rent, groceries or household bills.		

<u>Table 2: Checklist: Is the support likely to meet your needs?</u>

Is the support likely to meet your needs?	Yes	Unsure
We encourage you to explore supports before deciding what to buy, so you can get the best support available to you. You can talk to your peers and networks about supports and try new things.		
If your supports are described as flexible in your plan, you can change your supports if you feel there is something that could better meet your needs.		

#### <u>Table 3: Checklist: Is the cost of the support reasonable?</u>

Is the cost of the support reasonable?	Yes	Unsure
The cost of the support should be reasonable when you think about the benefit of the support. It should give you good value for money compared to other options.		

#### Table 4: Checklist: Can you afford the support within your support budget?

Can you afford the support within your support budget?	Yes	Unsure
Your NDIS funding needs to last for the length of your plan. The NDIS supports must fit into your total funding amount. If your plan includes funding periods, you must also have enough funds during your funding period to buy the support.  Work out your budget early so you know what you can afford. This will help you track your funding and make decisions about any changes to your supports during your plan.		

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Table 5: Checklist: Is the support safe?

Is the support safe?	Yes	Unsure
You can't buy supports that cause harm or put yourself or other people at risk.		

### Table 6: Checklist: Is the support legal?

Is the support legal?	Yes	Unsure
The support you buy must be legal. The support must not break any Commonwealth or State or Territory laws.		

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