

NDIS

You can use your NDIS funding to pay for Freedom Wheels bikes.



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National Disability Insurance Scheme

TAD provides the Freedom Wheels service and other equipment solutions and is an NDIS-registered service provider.

To purchase equipment through the NDIS, you will need to make sure Assistive Technology (equipment) is included in your NDIS plan.

When you speak to your NDIS Planner, you need to tell them what equipment you need, as well as how the equipment will help you to participate in your community.

Freedom Wheels and the NDIS Operational Guidelines on Recreation Supports

The NDIS Operational Guideline that covers recreation supports can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2YKTyPW>

A Freedom Wheels bike will be considered by the NDIS as Recreation Supports. The NDIS has set out a number of guidelines that are important to consider when accessing funding for recreational equipment:

In relation to recreational support, it is important that the support relates to one or more participatory goals. For example, developing greater social networks or greater inclusion in the community.

What does this mean for me?

If your goal is for you or your child to “ride a bike”, the NDIS may not fund this because it does not relate to increased participation in the community or in social activities. Your goals need to include the activities you or your child will be able to access if they have a bike, for instance, riding with friends and family in the park, or participating in school or community events.

An example of a goal might be: *The goal for my child is to develop greater social networks and have greater inclusion in the community, through participating in activities such as cycling with friends and family. To achieve this goal my child needs a Freedom Wheels bike.*

The NDIS expect people to make a contribution towards the cost in line with what they would typically pay towards a standard bike. This cost will appear on your quote.

Call us on 1300 663 243 to discuss your options.

Freedom Wheels is a TAD service. TAD has a dedicated group of staff and skilled volunteers who design and build customised technology and equipment solutions for those living with a disability.

Visit us at tad.org.au.

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Tips for getting Freedom Wheels in your NDIS Plan:

1. Make a list of all your current equipment and assistive technology.
2. Make a list of the equipment you need but don't have and get quotes.
3. Write down how much it costs to maintain and service this equipment.
4. Write down why your equipment is important and what your equipment will help you to achieve.
5. Talk to your current therapist and ask them to complete an Assistive Tehnology Assessment Form to go with each quote to support your request for funding for equipment.
6. Talk to your NDIS Planner and share the above documents about your equipment needs and costs, to ensure that you have a budget in your plan for 'Assistive Technology'.
7. TAD will provide you with a quote and supporting letter when requesting funding for Freedom Wheels.

I have funding in my NDIS plan! Now what?

Trial

Have a trial with our Occupational Therapist who will prescribe custom supports for you/your child.

Quote

TAD will provide a quote and supporting letter.

Paperwork

Your therapist will need to complete the NDIA Assistive Technology Assessment Form if this wasn't completed in the NDIS planning process.

They are encouraged to attend the bike trial, otherwise our therapist will provide photos/videos and additional information to assist them in completing this form. If you do not have a therapist, we can help with the form.

Approval

You or your Local Area Coordinator can send the quote, Assistive Technology Form and TAD support letter to the NDIA for approval.

Build and Payment

Once approval is received TAD will build your new bike and send an invoice to either the NDIA direct or your plan manager for payment. If you are self-managed, we'll send an invoice that you can claim from the NDIA then pay to TAD and start riding!

