School Leaver Employment Supports

Fact Sheet for Students and Teachers
ACT
2016 School Leavers and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

This fact sheet is for students with disability who are completing Year 12 in 2016 in the ACT.

About the NDIS

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with an impairment or condition that is likely to be permanent, or a developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

The NDIS will deliver a life-long approach to support people with disability through a planning process to identify the reasonable and necessary supports needed to enable people to achieve their employment goals.

National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is the Agency delivering the NDIS.

School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) overview

NDIA is currently working with education sectors and other Government bodies to develop working arrangements for school leavers to ensure a smooth transition to NDIS. Students wanting to access SLES will also need to meet the access requirements of the NDIS to become an NDIS participant.

School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) is an early intervention approach to employment for Year 12 school leavers with disability. The aim is to provide eligible NDIS participants with a supported pathway from school into employment.

Supports available through SLES

The NDIS funds reasonable and necessary supports that help a participant to reach their goals, objectives and aspirations. Participants can have SLES and other reasonable and necessary funded supports in their NDIS plan. They also have choice and the control over how they use funded supports in their NDIS plan. This includes choice of how the supports are given and which service providers they use.

SLES is designed to provide a range of supports to participants for up to two years to assist them to become work-ready. SLES will help participants develop the skills needed to successfully gain and maintain employment.

The type of employment supports will be tailored to meet the needs of the individual participant. Supports may include work experience generally in open employment, job site training, travel training and activities that contribute to achieving an employment outcome and linkages to ongoing employment support.

The actual days and hours of support received will vary and will be agreed between the participant and their provider. In general, participants are expected to receive support for 15 to 18 hours per week, 48 weeks of the year; however hours of support may vary for each individual and will depend on the activities chosen.
Next Steps

The SLES Functional Work Assessment is an assessment which NDIA uses to find out if a student with disability is likely to benefit from SLES. Students will also need to meet the [NDIS access criteria](#) if they are not already in the Scheme.

Assessments will be carried out by teachers who have received training and can provide support and advice to students and their families/guardians about the assessment process.

SLES providers

Registered National Disability Insurance Agency providers will deliver SLES supports. All providers operate within the requirement of the *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* and the NDIS [terms of business for registered providers](#).

Review Rights

Any person directly affected by a decision of the NDIA can request a review. A request for internal review of a decision must be made within three months of receiving notice of the decision from the NDIA. More information about the review process will be included with the letter students receive about the outcome of their assessment. More information on the [review process can be found on the NDIA website](#).

More information

For more information on Commonwealth programs, payments and allowances for students with disability contact Centrelink on 13 27 17 or go to the [Centrelink website](#). For more information about NDIA:


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