
H Main disabling conditions used to estimate tier 3 criteria

This appendix presents the detailed list of main disabling conditions used by the Commission to approximate the numbers of people who would receive funded supports under the NDIS (tier 3 in chapter 3) and as one input into estimates of the costs of the scheme. This is a statistical exercise, not a description of eligibility — the list does not indicate the disabling conditions that would determine people’s eligibility for funded packages in the NDIS. *Accordingly, a positive listing of a given condition below does not necessarily mean that any given person with that condition would be eligible for funding under the scheme. Similarly, non-listing does not mean that a person with that condition would not be eligible.*

Actual eligibility and funding under the NDIS would be determined by reasonable needs for funding, as measured by specialist assessment tools, and not by a disabling condition per se. Access to funding under the scheme would be based on assessment of current functioning; the prospects for cost-effective early intervention; the scope for early management of people with degenerative diseases that lead to disability; and consideration of the role of other areas of government in meeting people’s needs (for example, in palliative care for terminal cancer).

However, in the absence of population data on assessments of people’s support needs, the Commission has used data on main disabling conditions and activity limitations as a proxy to estimate the number of people in the NDIS and its costs. The main disabling conditions used to indicate eligibility for funded supports are indicated with a ‘Yes’ for each criterion. It is also important to note that some people have co-morbidities, and that in this case, they are categorised by their *main* disabling condition. The Commission excluded people from the analysis if their main disabling condition was not listed below.

People with significant and enduring psychiatric disability were not estimated using the 2009 SDAC, but based on clinical advice and other methods (appendix N).

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<i>Main disabling condition</i>	<i>Significant limitations with self-care, mobility and communication — core activity component</i>	<i>Significant limitations with self-care, mobility and communication — self-management component</i>	<i>Early intervention</i>
Tuberculosis			
Poliomyelitis	Yes		
HIV/AIDS			
Other infectious and parasitic diseases			
Influenza and pneumonia			
Bronchitis/bronchiolitis			
Respiratory allergies (excluding allergic asthma)			
Emphysema			
Asthma			
Asbestosis			
Other diseases of the respiratory system			
Stomach/duodenal ulcer			
Abdominal hernia (except congenital)			
Enteritis and colitis			
Other diseases of the intestine			
Diseases of the peritoneum			
Diseases of the liver			
Other diseases of the digestive system			
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue n.f.d.			
Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections			
Skin allergies (Dermatitis and Eczema)			
Disorders of skin appendages			
Scars			
Other diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue			
Arthritis and related disorders	Yes		
Deformities of joints/limbs acquired	Yes		
Back problems (dorsopathies)	Yes		
Repetitive strain injury/occupational overuse syndrome			

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Synovitis/tenosynovitis			
Other soft tissue/muscle disorders (including rheumatism)	Yes		
Osteoporosis			
Other acquired deformities of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	Yes		
Other disorders of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	Yes		
Kidney and urinary system (bladder) disorders (except incontinence)			
Stress/urinary incontinence			
Prostate disorders			
Breast disorders			
Menopause disorders			
Other diseases of the genitourinary system			
Birth trauma/injury	Yes	Yes	
Respiratory problems related to birth	Yes		
Other conditions originating in the perinatal period	Yes	Yes	
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	Yes	Yes	
n.f.d.			
Spina bifida	Yes		
Deformities of joints/limbs/congenital	Yes		
Down syndrome	Yes	Yes	
Other chromosomal abnormalities	Yes	Yes	
Congenital brain damage/malformation	Yes	Yes	
Other congenital malformations and deformations	Yes	Yes	
Breathing difficulties/shortness of breath			
Bowel/faecal incontinence	Yes		

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Headaches			
Pain n.f.d			
Unspecified speech difficulties	Yes		
Malaise and fatigue			
Blackouts, fainting, convulsions n.e.c.	Yes		
Memory loss n.f.d.			
Incontinence n.f.d.	Yes		
Insomnia n.f.d.			
Other symptoms and signs n.e.c.			
Head injury/acquired brain damage	Yes		Yes
Arm/hand/shoulder damage from injury/accident	Yes		
Amputation of the finger/thumb/hand/arm	Yes		
Leg/knee/foot/hip damage from injury/accident	Yes		
Amputation of toe/foot/leg	Yes		
Poisoning/toxic side effects	Yes		
Allergies/food			
Complications/consequences of surgery and medical care n.e.c.	Yes		
Other injury, poisoning and consequences of external causes	Yes		
Limited use of arms or fingers	Yes		
Difficulty gripping or holding things			
Limited use of feet or legs	Yes		
Restriction in physical activity or physical work			
Has disfigurement or deformity			
Receiving treatment/medication for other long term condition			

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Has other long term condition			
Neoplasms (tumours/cancers) n.e.c.			
Lung cancer			
Skin cancer			
Breast cancer			
Prostate cancer			
Brain cancer			
Hodgkin's disease			
Lymphoma			
Leukaemia			
Other malignant tumours			
Other neoplasms (including benign tumours)			
Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune system n.f.d.			
Anaemia			
Haemophilia			
Immunodeficiency disorder (except AIDS)			
Other diseases of blood and blood forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune system			
Disorders of the thyroid gland			
Diabetes			
Obesity			
High cholesterol			
Other endocrine, nutritional and metabolic disorders			
Mental and behavioural disorders n.f.d.			
Dementia	Yes		Yes
Schizophrenia	Yes		
Depression/mood affective disorders (excluding postnatal depression)			

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Other psychoses	Yes		
Neurotic, stress related and somatoform disorders n.f.d.			
Phobic and anxiety disorders			
Nervous tension/stress			
Obsessive-compulsive disorder			
Other neurotic, stress related and somatoform disorders			
Intellectual and developmental disorders n.e.c.	Yes	Yes	
Mental retardation/intellectual disability	Yes	Yes	
Autism and related disorders (including Rett's syndrome and Asperger's syndrome)	Yes		Yes
Developmental learning disorders			
Other developmental disorders			
Mental disorders due to alcohol and other psychoactive substance use			
Eating disorders			
Postnatal depression			
Adult personality and behavioural disorders			
Attention deficit disorder/hyperactivity			
Speech impediment	Yes		
Other childhood/adolescent onset mental and behavioural disorders			
Other mental and behavioural disorders			
Meningitis and Encephalitis (excluding 'viral')	Yes		
Huntington's disease	Yes		Yes
Motor neurone disease	Yes		Yes
Parkinson's disease	Yes		Yes

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Alzheimer's disease	Yes		Yes
Brain disease/disorders/acquired	Yes		Yes
Multiple sclerosis	Yes		Yes
Epilepsy	Yes		
Migraine			
Muscular dystrophy	Yes		Yes
Cerebral palsy	Yes		Yes
Paralysis	Yes		Yes
Chronic/postviral fatigue syndrome	Yes		
Other diseases of the nervous system (including T.I.A.'s)	Yes		
Corneal disorders/defects	Yes		
Cataracts	Yes		
Retinal disorders/defects	Yes		
Glaucoma	Yes		
Refraction and accommodation disorders	Yes		
Visual disturbances	Yes		
Sight loss	Yes		
Other diseases of the eye and adnexa	Yes		
Diseases of the external ear	Yes		
Diseases of the middle ear and mastoid	Yes		
Diseases of the inner ear (except noise induced deafness)	Yes		
Tinnitus	Yes		
Deafness/hearing loss	Yes		
Deafness/hearing loss/noise induced	Yes		
Deafness/hearing loss/congenital	Yes		
Deafness/hearing loss/due to accident	Yes		
Deaf mutism	Yes		
Other deafness/hearing loss	Yes		
Other diseases of the ear and mastoid process	Yes		

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Diseases of the circulatory system (heart) n.f.d.			
Heart disease			
Rheumatic fever/chorea with heart disease			
Rheumatic heart disease			
Angina			
Myocardial infarction (heart attack)			
Other heart diseases			
Diseases of the circulatory system n.e.c.			
Rheumatic fever/chorea without heart disease			
Hypertension (high blood pressure)			
Stroke	Yes		Yes
Arterial or aortic aneurysm			
Hypotension (low blood pressure)			
Other diseases of the circulatory system			

Source: ABS, unpublished data from the *Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC)* — list of disabling conditions).