

NDIS and My Aged Care

Are your
patients ready?



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Are your patients ready for NDIS or My Aged Care?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and My Aged Care offer choice and control for a person with a disability over the support and services they wish to receive to maximise their independence.

Both schemes are complex and your patients may ask you for advice. To make sure they get the services that are right for them, it is essential they have a good understanding of the scheme that is appropriate to their needs.

As a leading disability services provider to people who are blind or have low vision, Vision Australia is here to help. We can support your patients who have vision impairment to navigate the NDIS or My Aged Care, and access the services they need. Vision Australia has already helped many people already understand and access these schemes.

Your patients deserve our hands-on experience

Offer your patients the opportunity to benefit from Vision Australia's extensive experience with the NDIS and My Aged Care.

Our close involvement with NDIS and My Aged Care pilot programs across the country means we know how the schemes work best for patients who have low vision or are blind. Our experts will use this experience to guide your patients through the process.

Research shows that people who connect with Vision Australia early achieve notably better outcomes from their plan.

Your patients will benefit from having us by their side every step of the way, making sure they understand everything and all their questions are answered.

Who can access NDIS and My Aged Care?

	NDIS	My Aged Care
Age	Under 65	Over 65 (or 50 years and older for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
Functioning	Have a significant and permanent disability including blindness and low vision that affects their functioning.	Requires some support or care for safety and independence. A person with blindness or low vision qualifies for support.
Residency	Must be an Australian citizen and live within a relevant NDIS launch area for at least 12 months before NDIS becomes operational in the area.	Must live in Australia.

Take note:

At this stage only people who have not previously accessed aged care support and those whose needs have recently changed must go through the My Aged Care process.



What does Vision Australia do?

About two thirds of people with vision loss are over the age of 65. Main causes and effects of vision conditions include age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataracts. Acquired brain injury caused by accident, stroke or degenerative neurological disease can also cause vision loss.

Vision loss can dramatically impact a person's life, and everyday activities may seem difficult. With the right support and advice, people can continue to do the things they enjoy and remain independent.

Vision Australia is a for-purpose organisation that takes a person-centred approach to the delivery of disability services to people with vision impairment.

We can help your patients, of all ages, who have a vision impairment participate in all aspects of life.

Your patients can access a range of specialised vision loss services including:

- Falls prevention
- Early childhood intervention
- Home safety and independence
- Assistive technology training and equipment
- Vision loss support for people with chronic disease such as diabetes
- Neuro-mobility including post acquired brain injury, stroke or multiple sclerosis

Donna,
Vision Australia client



How to refer your patients to Vision Australia

Make a referral

Vision Australia can support your patients to navigate the NDIS or My Aged Care, and understand and manage vision impairment.

Email: referrals@visionaustralia.org

Online: visionaustralia.org/referral

Fax: 1300 84 73 29

Your patients can contact Vision Australia directly

Your patients can contact our NDIS and My Aged Care experts for a free consultation.

Phone: 1300 88 70 58

Vision Australia has 28 metro and regional centres around the country. We can meet your patients wherever they feel most comfortable including their home, workplace or local community.

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