

Introduction to the National Disability Insurance Scheme for Allied Health Professionals Training Modules

Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA) is pleased to present the *Introduction to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for Allied Health Professions* course, which has been developed by AHPA and its member associations to provide a detailed introduction to the NDIS for allied health professionals.

The course is made up of the following four modules:

- **Module 1 – Overview of the NDIS for Allied Health Professionals**
- **Module 2 – NDIS Participant Plans, Goals, Outcomes and Supports**
- **Module 3 – An Introduction to NDIS-funded Supports**
- **Module 4 – My NDIS Pathway – How Allied Health Professionals provide Supports**

After completing the four modules, it is expected that allied health professionals will have a much more thorough understanding of the NDIS and how the scheme impacts on the delivery of services for people with disabilities (participants).

The training is completely free for allied health practitioners until the end of 2017. On completion you will receive a certificate, which you can use to claim credit as part of your ongoing professional development.

To access the training, please use the following link: http://pief.learnupon.com/users/sign_in.

Please note: When accessing the training for the first time, you will need to register with PIEF and add the NDIS training to your account. Detailed instructions can be found in the separate guide.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Module 1 – Overview of the NDIS for AHPs

This module explains how the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) roll out, which commenced progressively on July 1 2016, has introduced changes to the planning process for participants and the way people access support for their disability-related needs. It also introduces the NDIS business system and relevant operational guidelines.

Topics covered in this module are:

- **History and Background** – Explains the history and background of the NDIS.
- **Introduction to the NDIS for Providers and People with Disabilities** – Provides introductory information about the NDIS for providers and participants.
- **Allied health professionals and the NDIS** – Provides an overview of what allied health professionals need to know about the NDIS.

Module 2 – NDIS Participant Plans, Goals, Outcomes and Supports

This module explains important concepts such as NDIS participant plans, goals and outcomes. It explains the types of supports participants can access and how reasonable and necessary funded supports are classified by the NDIS.

Topics covered in this module are:

- **Participant Plans, Goals and Supports** – How a participant plan provides information about a participant’s circumstances, their goals and their supports. How supports, including informal, community and mainstream supports and NDIS funded supports tailored to an individual’s needs are determined to help achieve the individual’s goals.
- **NDIS Funded Supports and Outcomes Framework** – How NDIS funded supports are categorised as core, capital and capacity building and how the NDIS Outcomes Framework relates to them.
- **NDIS Funded Supports and AHPs** – How NDIS funded supports are categorised as core, capital and capacity building and how the NDIS Outcomes Framework relates to them.

Module 3 – An Introduction to NDIS-funded Supports

This module explains the role of allied health professionals and how they may provide support for people with disabilities who may need NDIS-funded supports.

Topics covered in this module are:

- **Recap of Funded Support Types (Purposes), Support Categories & Support Items** – How funded support purposes (types) are further divided into support categories that can appear as budget items in a participant’s plan.
- **NDIS Expectations of Allied Health Practitioners** – How registered providers assist participants in line with NDIS Terms of Business.
- **Assistive Technology** – How the assessment and supply of assistive technology supports are funded and their link to the NDIS Assistive Technology Strategy.
- **Home Modifications** – Explains the types of home modifications and how they are assessed and supplied under the NDIS.

Module 4 – My NDIS Pathway: How Allied Health Professionals provide supports

This module uses two case studies to illustrate how a participant’s plan is developed and how allied health professionals would provide funded supports.

Topics covered in this module are:

- **Accessing the NDIS** – How participants access the NDIS.
- **My First Plan** – Describes the parts of the participants plan and the information in the plan.
- **Participants Choice of Providers** – How participants have choice and control over who delivers services to them.
- **Work with NDIS Participants** – How AHPs work with NDIS participants to identify the types of services that participants may request and how to manage participant expectations.
- **Communicating with the NDIA** - How to communicate with the NDIA and to prepare reports.