

# NDIS Plan Types Explained

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The National Disability Insurance Scheme has a lot to offer for participants, but can be a challenging transition, especially when it comes to understanding how your plan works, what supports you can use, and how to implement different supports to suit your needs.

In the guide below, we'd like to make understanding how your plan works, even a little bit simpler, by explaining the different plan types, what they mean, and what it means for your supports.

You may have already heard of the three types of NDIS plans you may have or receive. You can be:

- Self-managed
- Plan-managed or
- NDIA- managed

You may also find that your plan isn't just one of the three, but a mix of a few. Some funding may be self-managed, whilst other parts of funding may be NDIA-managed.

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	Self Managed	Plan Managed	NDIA Managed
Can I use NDIS registered providers?	✓	✓	✓
Can I use independent non-registered providers?	✓	✓	✗
Do I receive assistance with keeping track of funding?	✗	✓	✓
Will I have assistance with billing issues and errors?	✗	✓	✓
Will I have to pay invoices?	✓	✗	✗
Will I have to keep all records for an audit?	✓	✗	✗

Your plan manager can help you with this.

NDIA can help you with this.

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To decide which is best for you, it is best to collaborate with your team; your Local Area Coordinator (LAC), your support coordinator, or your NDIA planner.

## **Self-Managed**

Having a self-managed plan has a number of benefits including choice, flexibility, capacity to employ for supports, ability to negotiate costs, and of course, control.

When self-managing, keep in mind that you will also be responsible for paying and keeping records of invoices, checking suitability of employees particularly support workers (this includes checking for blue cards, first aid, NDIS workers clearances, national police checks and any qualifications that may be relevant to the support required)

Find more here: [www.ndis.gov.au/participants/using-your-plan/self-management](http://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/using-your-plan/self-management)

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## **Plan-Managed**

Having your entire plan or parts of your plan, plan-managed gives you the benefits of having someone to assist you, your plan manager. They can help to increase your knowledge and skills navigating the NDIS, as well as give your pointers if you choose to be self-managed in the future.

Funding for a plan manager will be provided when choosing for your plan or parts of your plan to be managed in this way.

Find more here: [www.ndis.gov.au/participants/creating-your-plan/ways-manage-your-funding/plan-management](http://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/creating-your-plan/ways-manage-your-funding/plan-management)

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## **NDIA-Managed**

Plans managed by NDIA, often referred to as “agency-managed”, have the benefit of using only providers that are NDIS registered and sure to meet NDIS service and audit requirements. NDIA-managed plans also benefit from having bookkeeping and records keeping taken care of, with access to budget and claims.

Payments are made by NDIA and can take some time to be made to your providers, up to 12-weeks in some cases.

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