

OCC Services

Domestic Assistance in the home - <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Cleaning· Washing & ironing	
Daily self-care activities - <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Eating, bathing, dressing· Getting in and out of bed· Moving about the house	
Centre based group activities – <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Structured group activities in a centre based setting· Group excursions· Transport to and from centre	
Community, social & recreational activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Provision of support to enable a participant to independently engage	
Out and about in the Community - <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Assist with shopping, access local services e.g. doctor, dentist· Attend local clubs or interest groups· Transport services	
Nursing & Therapeutic Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Nursing· Occupational Therapy· Physiotherapy· Dietician, Nutritionist· Social work· Other related services	
Home modification & maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Minor renovations – hand & shower rails; installation of emergency alarms· Major renovations – stair lifts, complex bathroom modifications	

More information

To find out more about how to get ready for the NDIS and the support we can offer, please call your local office or our Contact Centre (1300 77 80 81) or look at www.bluecare.org.au/disability



Queensland Community Care Services

Making the Switch to NDIS



Sharon and her son Jack, one of Blue Care's first NDIS participants in Townsville

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new government initiative which will transform how people living with a disability receive funding and support.

If you currently receive services under Queensland Community Care services (QCCS), you're probably wondering if you qualify for NDIS and what it could mean for you. This simple guide explains the key changes and what to do next.

How is the system changing and why?

Currently, supports are provided by the Queensland Government through programs like QCCS and specialist Disability Services funding. The NDIS replaces the existing state system.

This change is important because it will give people greater control over and access to the supports they need - whether that means better access to nursing and therapeutic services, becoming more involved in the community, extra help at home or all three.

What's the difference between QCCS and NDIS?

The QCCS program provides assistance for people with a disability or condition who need support to carry out activities of daily living. Services range from personal care, social support and home maintenance and modifications through to respite, nursing and allied health services.

The NDIS will provide access to all of the same services, but with a few important differences. Instead of being allocated a support and service provider, you get to choose exactly how and when you spend your funding as well as who you spend it with. There's also a much bigger focus on planning and tailoring your supports to suit you.

Here's a snapshot of how the new system differs from the current system:

Current system	NDIS
Block funding directed by local government	Funding directed by you on an annual basis
Limited or no choice of service, providers or when and how you receive supports	Choice and control over services and supports - when, where, how and from whom
Strict program guidelines with limited or no input from individuals	Individuals and their families are key decision-makers and supports are tailored around your needs in consultation with you
Limited access to supports	'Reasonable and necessary' supports provided over your entire lifetime

Am I eligible for NDIS funding?

Finding out if you qualify is easy. Simply go to www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist to check you meet the NDIS access requirements. If you think you're eligible, you should contact the NDIA when the NDIS is available in your area to start the NDIS process. Go to the timeline on our website www.bluecare.org.au/disability to see when the NDIS is available in your area.

Will I continue to receive QCCS services?

If you're eligible for NDIS then you'll no longer need QCCS services. This is because all supports related to your disability will be provided under the NDIS. When developing your NDIS Plan you'll have the chance to consider all your current services and identify which supports you need to achieve your goals.

If you're not eligible for NDIS, then there will be no change to your current QCCS services.

How do I know if I receive QCCS services from Blue Care?

Not sure what services you currently receive under the QCCS? Don't worry - we can help. Contact Blue Care on 1300 77 80 81 to find out what services we provide.

What QCCS services can I build into my NDIS package?

On the next page is a list of all current QCCS services. Use this form as a quick guide to record:

- Services you currently receive and that you want to continue as part of your NDIS package
- Services you would like to receive as part of your NDIS package

Take this information with you when you meet with your NDIS planner. It's important you tell the NDIA about all the services you currently receive. If you don't, they may not be included in your NDIS Plan. A service provider is unable to provide supports that aren't covered by your NDIS Plan.

For further information on NDIS visit www.ndis.gov.au