



people with
disabilities
western
australia



Survey

Tell us what you think about the
Self Management Policy

Easy English



About this survey

Hard words

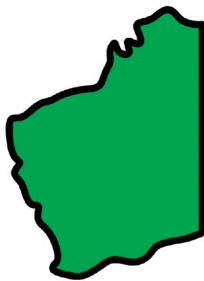
This survey has some hard words. The first time we write a hard word, it is in **blue**. We will say what the hard word means.



Disability support in Western Australia

Things are changing for people with a disability in Western Australia (WA). You may know about the National Disability Insurance Scheme. It is usually called the NDIS.

This is a new way to support people with disability.



The NDIS is starting in WA.

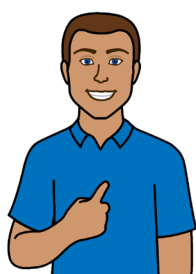
We will also keep some things from our old disability support system.

Some things will change. Some things will stay the same. We do not know what all the changes will be yet.



Funding

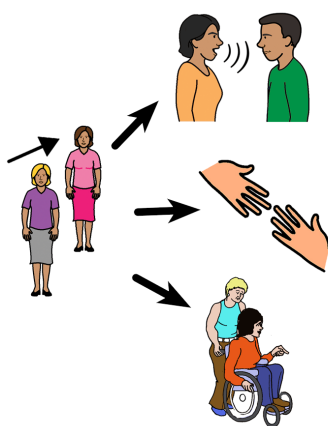
One thing that **will** change in WA is how you get disability **funding**. Funding is the money that you get from the government for disability support.



Self management

Self management is one way people can manage their funding. Self management means

- you look after **some** of your funding by yourself
- or**
- or you look after **all** of your funding by yourself.



If you **self manage** your funding

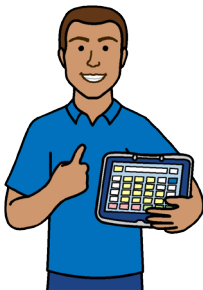
- you choose the supports in your plan
- you choose who gives you those supports
- you employ your own support workers
- you pay your support workers.



Supports

Supports can include

- equipment, like a wheelchair
- transport
- a support worker to help you at home or in the community.

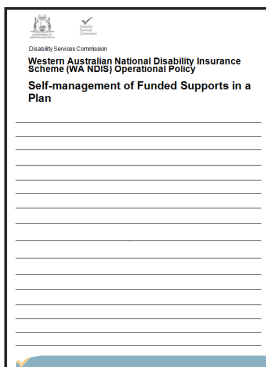


Supports can help you be more independent.

For example, changes to your bathroom so you can shower yourself.

Supports can help you join in the community.

For example, get a job or join a group.

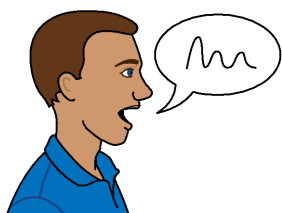


Self management policy

The Disability Services Commission wrote a **self management policy**. The self management policy is like a list of rules about self management. The policy says

- what you should do
- what the government should do.

The policy is only a **first draft**. That means, the policy will change.



WA's Individualised Services and People with Disabilities WA want to know what you think about the self management policy.

You can tell us what you think in different ways.



- You can call us to talk about the policy.
Call 0408 672 205



- You can come to a meeting. To find out about the meeting times call 0408 672 205

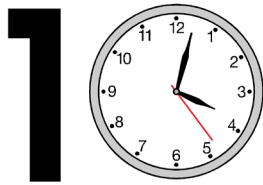
- Fill in this survey. You can get help to do this survey. You can get help
 - from W AIS
 - or
 - someone you know.

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You must tell us what you think about the policy **before** Friday 27th January.

How to do this survey

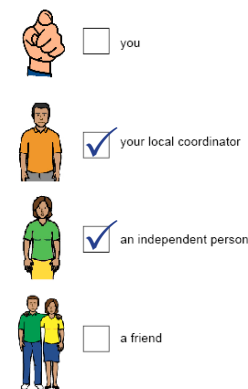
- Do this survey as soon as possible.



- Answer all the questions. We think the survey will take you 1 hour or more.



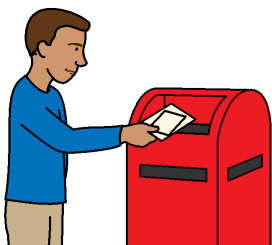
- For most questions, you **mark 1 answer**.



- For some questions, you can mark **more than 1 answer**.

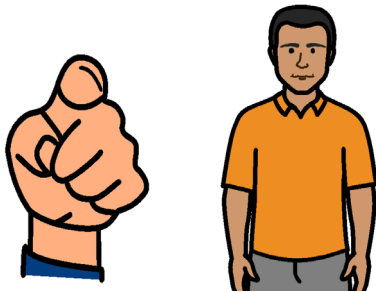


- We want to keep information about you private. Do not write
 - your name
 - or
 - your personal information on the survey.



- Post the survey back to us. Use the envelope that came with the survey.

Can you self manage your NDIS funding?



The draft policy says: You and you Local Coordinator will talk about your NDIS funding. Together you will decide if you can self manage your funding.



The draft policy says: Your Local Coordinator will ask you questions about how you manage money. Tell us what you think.



1. You should tell your Local Coordinator if you have been **bankrupt**. Bankrupt means you have no money and cannot pay for things.



☐ I agree



☐ I do **not** agree



☐ I do **not** know



2. You should tell your Local Coordinator if you have a **financial administration order**. A financial administration order is when the law says another person has to look after your money.

☐

I agree

☐

I do **not** agree

☐

I do **not** know



3. You should tell you Local Coordinator if you you can look after your own accounts. For example, pay your phone bills or pay your rent.

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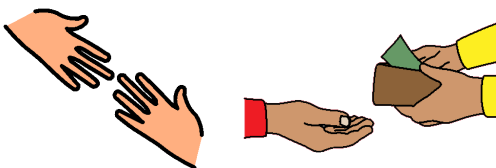
I agree

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I do not agree

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I do **not** know



4. You should tell your Local Coordinator if you get someone to help you pay your accounts.

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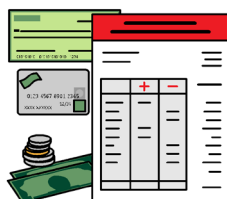
Yes

☐

No

☐

I do **not** know



5. You should have a different bank account for your NDIS funding.

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I agree


☐

I do not agree

☐

I do **not** know

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____

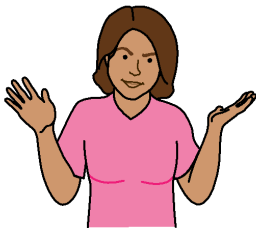


Management Plan

The draft policy says: You and your Local Coordinator will write a **management plan**.

The management plan will say **how** you will manage your funding.

When you sign your management plan you will be **legally responsible** for your funding. This means you **also** have to manage things like tax and superannuation.



6. Do you think you need a management plan to self manage your funding?



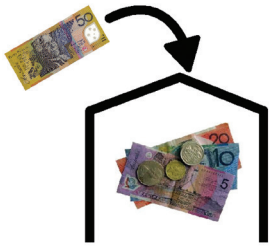
☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I do **not** know



7. Your management plan should tell you your legal responsibilities. For example, tax and superannuation.

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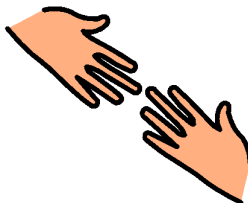
I agree

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I do not agree

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I do **not** know



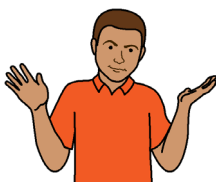
8. Your management plan should say how you will get support.

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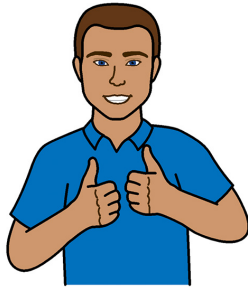
I agree

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I do not agree

☐

I do **not** know



9. Your management plan should say how you will stay safe. For example, how do you know the staff coming to your house

- have had the right training
- are not dangerous people?

☐

I agree

☐

I do not agree

☐

I do **not** know



10. Your management plan should say what you will do when something goes wrong. For example, your support worker does not turn up.

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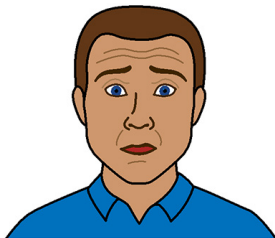
I agree

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I do not agree

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I do **not** know



11. Your management plan should say what you will do if you need extra support. For example, you get sick and you need transport to go to the doctor.

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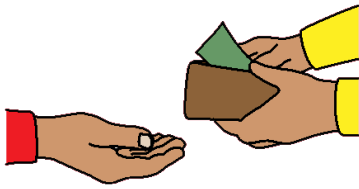
I agree

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I do not agree

☐

I do **not** know



12. Your management plan should say how you will pay people who support you.

For example,

- support workers
- therapists
- drivers.

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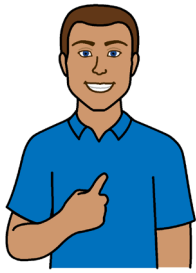
I agree

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I do not agree

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I do **not** know



Learn how to self manage

The draft policy says: Your Local Coordinator can help you learn about how to self manage your funding.



13. Would you like to learn more about tax?

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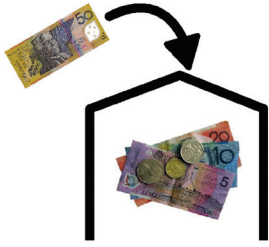
Yes

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No

☐

I do **not** know



14. Would you like to learn more about superannuation?



☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I do **not** know



15. Would you like to learn more about workers compensation?



☐ Yes



☐ No



☐ I do **not** know



16. Would you like to learn more about
employing people to help you?

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Yes

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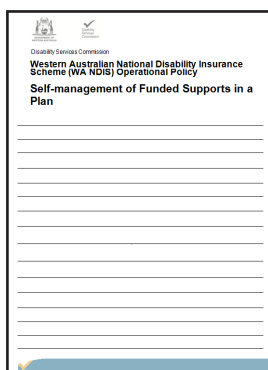
No

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I do **not** know

17. What else would you like to learn about?

Write here



Use your funding to learn to self manage

The draft policy says: You can pay people to help you manage your funding.



18. Would you use your funding to pay for an accountant?

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Yes

☐

No

☐

I do **not** know



19. Would you use your funding to pay for a book keeper?

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Yes

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No

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I do **not** know



20. Would you use your funding to pay for information about the law?

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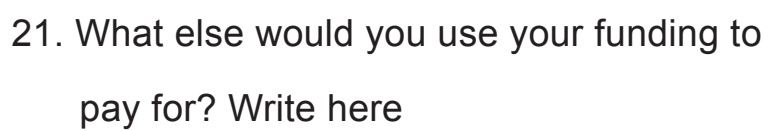
Yes

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No

☐

I do **not** know

21



Stay safe

The draft policy says: People with disability must be safe from abuse and neglect.



22. Do you know what abuse is?

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Yes

☐

No

☐

I do **not** know



23. Do you know what neglect is?

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

I do **not** know



24. Do you need training to learn about abuse and neglect?

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Yes

☐

No

☐

I do **not** know



25. Do you know what to do if abuse or neglect is happening?

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Yes

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No

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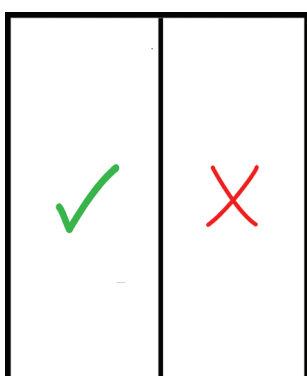
I do **not** know

The National Standards for Disability Services



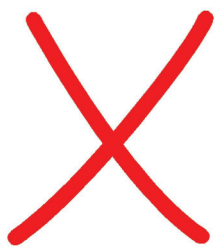
The draft policy says: When you pay for a support service, the service must **meet the National Standards for Disability Services**.

This means the service must follow rules about how to treat people.



There are lots of rules. Some of the rules are

1. You must be treated fairly.
2. You can make choices.
3. You can tell people what you think about the service.
4. You must be safe.
5. Staff must be trained.
6. Staff must be good at their job.
7. Staff must obey the law.
8. Staff must communicate well.



26. Is it okay to use a service that does not meet the National Standards for Disability Services? This means

- maybe the staff do not have the right skills
- maybe the staff do not obey the law
- maybe other people have been abused.

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Yes

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No

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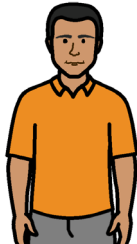
I do **not** know

27. Who should make sure

- you get good quality supports?
- you are safe?



☐ you



☐ your local coordinator



☐ an independent person



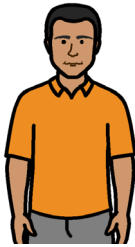
☐ a friend

☐ your **microboard**. Microboard means a small group of people who meet about your support.



☐ someone else.

28. What will help you learn about the National Standards for Disability Services?

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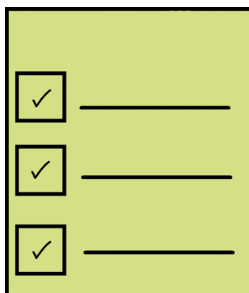
information from your Local Coordinator

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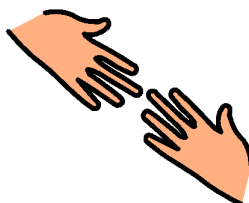
training

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information from an independent person

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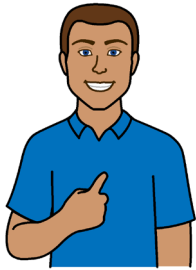
a checklist or manual

☐

help from another person with a disability

☐

I do **not** know.



Self management

Sometimes a Local Coordinator and a person disagree. For example,

- You want to manage your funding

but

- The Local Coordinator says you can **not** manage your funding.



29. If you disagree, what should happen?

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Another person should look at the reasons why you disagree.

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Another person should decide the answer.

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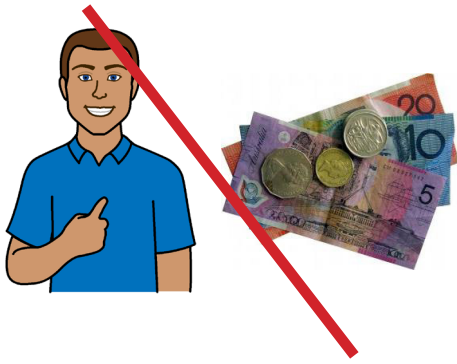
You should get more help to self manage your funding.

☐

I don't know.

☐

Other ideas. Write here



Sometimes the NDIS will take away a person's self management. For example,

- the person spent the NDIS money on something that is **not** in the plan
- the person is abused or neglected.

30. Is it okay to take away self management if

there is a problem with

- what you spend the money on
- abuse
- neglect?

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

I do **not** know



Do you want to say anything else about the self management policy?

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Yes

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No

☐

I do **not** know

Write here



You have finished the survey.

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