



**DIANELLA**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE  
Education Support Centre

# Turning 18

*Partnerships in Action*

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## Types of identification documents that you may need for accessing services

### Western Australian Photo Card (16+ years)

The WA Photo Card is a way for people who do not hold a driver's licence or passport to have proof of identity. It is available to people 16 years and older who normally reside in WA.

**Website:** [www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/wa-photo-card.asp](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/wa-photo-card.asp)

**Website:** [https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU\\_F\\_PC1\\_PhotoCard.pdf](https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_F_PC1_PhotoCard.pdf)



## Law and Human Rights

### Voting

Australian citizens aged 18 years or older have the right and responsibility to enrol and vote.

- It is compulsory for all Australian citizens who have turned 18 and have lived at their residential address for a period of one month, to enrol and maintain their enrolment.
- The AEC provides a range of Easy Read Guides for people who have difficulty reading and understanding written information.

**Website:** [www.aec.gov.au/About\\_AEC/Publications/easy-read](http://www.aec.gov.au/About_AEC/Publications/easy-read)

**Website:** [www.aec.gov.au/assistance](http://www.aec.gov.au/assistance)

An elector may be removed from the Electoral Roll where a registered medical practitioner has certified in writing that the person is incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting.

**Website:** [www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/removal-electoral-roll](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/removal-electoral-roll)



# Centrelink

## Centrelink Nominees

A person with disability may need an authorised nominee to deal with Centrelink on their behalf, usually a family member or guardian.

There are 2 types of Centrelink nominees.

1. Correspondence nominee
2. Payment nominee

### Correspondence nominee

- Can speak with Centrelink about payments or services

### Payment nominee

- Can get Centrelink payments on the person's behalf.
- A person can only nominate 1 person or organisation for each type of nominee.
- A person can't have a nominee and be a nominee for someone else at the same time.
- You can add a nominee online through the Centrelink online account or download and complete the Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf form.

### For more information

- 136 150
- [www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/centrelink](http://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/centrelink)
- [www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/centrelink-online-account-help-addnominee#step3](http://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/centrelink-online-account-help-addnominee#step3)
- Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf form (SS313)  
[www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/ss313](http://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/ss313)



## Medicare

### Acting on behalf of someone for Medicare purposes

“Authorisation to act on an incapacitated person’s behalf” for Medicare purposes form is a form to act on behalf of someone who is incapable of managing their own affairs for Medicare services.

You can fill out this form prior to the age of 14 years old or any time afterwards.

This acts in a similar way to a Centrelink Nominee.

#### For more information

- 132 011
- [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare)
- [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/have-your-own-medicare-card-if-youre-15-or-older-and-enrolled-medicare?context=21796](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/have-your-own-medicare-card-if-youre-15-or-older-and-enrolled-medicare?context=21796)
- Authorisation to act on an incapacitated person’s behalf for Medicare purposes form (MO050)  
[www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mo050](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mo050)

## National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is Australia's first national Scheme for people with disability. It provides funding directly to individuals and/or service providers.

Questions to ask if a person may be able to apply for the NDIS. These questions are just a guide, the final decision about eligibility is up to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

1. Is the person aged between 7 and 65?
2. Do they live in Australia and have Australian residency?
3. Do they usually need support from a person because of a permanent and significant disability?
4. Do they use special equipment because of a permanent and significant disability?
5. Do they need some supports now to reduce their future needs?

If they meet the eligibility criteria they can ask to become a participant by completing an Access Request Form. If they are eligible for the NDIS and have received an 'access decision' letter, the next step is creating their NDIS plan.

The plan is a written agreement worked out with the person. Everyone's plan is different. NDIS will ask questions about how they are going in different areas of their life, what goals they would like to achieve and what kind of help and support they need. This will help them to develop a plan that provides the right support for them.

### NDIS Nominees

The NDIS recognises that there may be circumstances where it is necessary for a person to be appointed as a nominee of a participant to act on behalf of, or make decisions on behalf of a participant.

#### There are two types of NDIS nominees:

1. Plan Nominee
2. Correspondence Nominee

#### Plan Nominee

A plan nominee can make decisions about:

- planning – preparing, reviewing or replacing the plan
- managing plan funding – receiving and managing funding and using the funding.

#### Correspondence Nominee

A correspondence nominee is someone who can make some decisions for them about business with the NDIS.

But they can't do anything or make decisions about:

- preparing, reviewing or replacing the plan
- managing the funding for supports in the plan

A correspondence nominee can ask the NDIS for information about the participant



- The correspondence nominee can receive letters and notices.
- When the correspondence nominee writes to the NDIS on the participant's behalf, the NDIS treats this as if it has been written by the participant.
- When the NDIS sends the correspondence nominee a piece of information, it is treated as it has been sent to the participant.

If a NDIS nominee form is required ask the NDIS planner as this form is not available online.

### **For more information**

- 1800 800 110
- [nat@ndis.gov.au](mailto:nat@ndis.gov.au)
- [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)
- <https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/home/having-someone-representyou/appointing-nominee>
- [www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/families-and-carers/guardians-andnominees-explained](http://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/families-and-carers/guardians-andnominees-explained)

