



I'm a bit confused by the Disability Support Pension (DSP) which I get, National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) & MyAged Care. Does one affect the other? I live with my mum who is getting older and slower every day and we are both beginning to have problems and might need help.

Disability Support Pension

The pension (Disability Support Pension) is your income, that is means tested and based on your inability to work full-time or part-time. It does allow you to work part-time/casually up to a certain level of gross pay (pre-tax amount). You must report any gross pay & the number of hours fortnightly to Centrelink, and then they will deduct amounts accordingly.

This does not affect the NDIS.

Please note your local Centrelink office should have a social worker available to clarify any questions if you still feel confused by the front counter staff. Make an appointment to sit down and raise your questions or concerns about your entitlements or your application. This can include an appeal against the decision to refuse your application.

NDIS

The NDIS is about your need for services, support and equipment/modifications to the home/car etc which will enable you to be as independent as possible. Having haemophilia as a medical condi-

tion in itself will not suffice but it is about the impairments associated with haemophilia that impact on your day to day functioning, and capacity to be independent that must be impressed upon in your Access Request form.

You need to identify your needs, have a physiotherapist/occupational therapist/medical officer assessment to support your request.

To get started you must call the NDIS to request an Access Request form to be sent to you, complete this form in consultation with your GP initially or your specialist. As an applicant you must be under 65 years of age.

If you are successful in accessing the NDIS and you later turn 65, you should still be able to have NDIS support.

MyAged Care

MyAged Care is a referral and information system for anyone 65 years and older. This is NOT the age pension available from Centrelink.

This is where you or your family go to begin the process of seeking appropriate services. Equipment, specialist aged care assessments of needs that assist in keeping you or your ageing family member at home and independent for as long as possible. It is also the point at which you can request an in home assessment for possible hostel/nursing home placement and access to planned respite stay for the ageing person.

You can still seek out your family

GP on accessing the MyAged Care as well. It is important once you register here, you keep the reference number you receive handy at all times to make further enquiries.

MyGov

MyGov portal is the online service that allows you to interact with Centrelink, the ATO, Medicare, and may link your other public services including your NDIS account.

It is almost mandatory if you want to interact with Centrelink.

You will need to create a MyGov account with a reference number and password and keep these details handy when ever making inquiries.

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HANDY LINKS:

Centrelink

<https://www.centrelink.gov.au>

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<https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/am-i-eligible>

Ph 1800 800 110

<https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/ph>

1800 200 422

MyGov <https://my.gov.au/>

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