**Transcript – How do I apply for the NDIS?**

How can you apply for the NDIS? Well, there are a few different ways.

First of all you can call 1800 800 110, or you can contact your Local Area Coordinator, or you can contact your local NDIS office to ask for an access form. If you meet their general requirements, they will either email or post the form to you (whichever you prefer).

There may also be an option to complete the form while on the phone. If you don’t want to do this, you can ask for a written access form to be emailed or posted to you which you can then fill out.

As part of the Access Request process, you will be asked a few questions:

* You must confirm your identity or a person who has authority to act on your behalf.
* You will be asked questions to see if you meet the NDIS access requirements of age, residence and disability.
* You may be asked questions about providing consent to enter the NDIS and about seeking information from third parties.

If you currently get disability supports and services, and you would like your service provider to give us your information, you can, but first you must first provide consent.

You may be asked to provide some additional information after you have completed your Access Request form to the NDIA. This may include information about your disability and how it impacts on your day-to-day life and the barriers you face. You can provide copies of existing information and evidence. You can include letters or reports, or you can ask your treating health professional to fill out and sign a form for you.

Once you submit the form, the NDIA has 21 days to decide to accept your application. During this time, they may ask for more information, for example, a report from your specialist or a doctor, or your audiologist.

For more information contact a Deafblind Consultant with the email address [deafblind.consultant@senses.org.au](mailto:deafblind.consultant@senses.org.au)

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