

# NDIS Funding Periods Made Simple

*Understanding how your NDIS budget works under new PACE plans*



## What are Funding Periods?

Funding periods split your plan budget into smaller parts over time. This helps you manage your funds and avoid running out too soon. You can spend up to the amount available for your current period.

## Key things to know:

### Understand your total budget



Your total budget hasn't changed, the funding is just released in stages, usually every 3 months.

### Know what happens to unused funds



Unused funds roll over to the next period within the same plan, so you won't lose it.

### Plan for uneven funding splits



Some plans release more upfront for equipment or assessments, so check your plan details.

### Early release of funds



You can only access future funds in special cases. If you've run out, you will need to contact the NDIA.

## Keeping your budget on track

Keep an eye on your budget using the NDIS or NDSP portal (Nappa), and try to spread your spending across the whole plan, not just one period.

Setting up service agreements with your providers can help you stay organised and avoid surprises. And if you're unsure, your plan manager is always there to guide you.