**MILDURA SCHOOL & the National Disability Insurance Scheme [NDIS]**

**What is the NDIS?**

The main component of the NDIS is individualised packages of support to eligible people with disability.

Click the following links to find about the NDIS

NDIS [VIDEO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DMqCzdDzKM)

Understanding the NDIS [WEBSITE](https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding)

**Specialised Driver Training & the NDIS**

Participants in the NDIS can learn to drive with specialised training. Mildura School of Driving is registered to provide this specialised driver training.

**Who is eligible for driving support under the NDIS?**

The NDIS will assist people to obtain their licence where it is assessed that their medical condition is likely to impact on their ability to drive and/or learn how to drive.

**NDIS and Driving Lessons**

NOT REGEISTERED with the NDIS: Contact the NDIS to see if you are eligible to receive support from the NDIS. If you do not meet the NDIS requirements, the NDIS can inform you of other programs that may be able to provide support for your driving lessons.

REGEISTERED with the NDIS: Ensure you have the right NDIS plan: Ask your NDIS Planner, Coordinator of Supports or Local Area Coordinator or Occupational Therapist about using Mildura School of Driving in your NDIS plan.

LIST DRIVING AS A KEY GOAL: Your NDIS plan should state the services that you need to get your licence (e.g. occupational therapy assessments and/or driving lessons) and how much funding you will require.

Allocation for NDIS funding support comes under the category of ‘Therapeutic supports’ or ‘Capacity building supports’.

READY TO GO: Before getting your learners permit, and getting on the road, you need to check with your General Practitioner and relevant state driving authority [Vic Roads or NSW RTA] of any pre-existing disabilities or medical conditions you have, so that they can assess how your disability could affect your driving.

**Declaring all medical conditions that could impact on driving is required by law and is the responsibility of the individual**.

ARRANGE YOUR NDIS LESSONS WITH THE MILDURA SCHOOL OF DRIVING: Contact us to talk about your request for NDIS driving lessons. At this initial contact, you will share your goals and background including how your plan is managed and decide if you would like to go ahead with lessons with us as your provider. Where appropriate, Mildura School of driving will then prepare a service agreement.

The first drive is usually preceded by an assessment which is usually done over the phone or at the person’s home, and includes

* Identifying any issues that may affect driving in the following areas: vision, cognition/understanding and physical capacity.
* Establishing a baseline of current level of driving skill.
* Creating an individualized lesson plan in collaboration with a medical rehabilitation driving instructor and the individual.

We encourage you to explore the other parts of our website for more information for new drivers and supervisors.