

Will *Budget Builder* help me?

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Have you just received your NDIS plan and don't know where to start?

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Are you feeling totally confused about the cost of services and whether your plan will cover all the services you need?

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Do you get to the end of your plan and have unspent funds?



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Do you have all the information you need when you go to your planning meeting?

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Are you wanting to increase your skills in managing your plan and do you want to be sure your funds will last for the year?

*If you answered **Yes** to any of these questions, then **Budget Builder** can change how you manage your funds forever. You will feel confidence in the choices you have made, spend less time doing paperwork, be able to see where your funds are going and most importantly, you won't be feeling like you missed out on any services of benefit to you.*



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Budget Builder: an innovative partnership **between Auscare Support & My Spending Planner**

Budget Builder is a new service from **Auscare Support** and **My Spending Planner**.

Budget Builder enables NDIS participants to maximise their NDIS funding. Auscare Support Plan Builders have vast experience navigating the complexities of the NDIS. By utilising their knowledge of the NDIS and budgeting tools developed by **My Spending Planner**, they will develop a plan for you that will match your needs with your budget.

Budget Builder clients feel in control of their funds and have peace of mind knowing that they are making the most of their funding and are in the best position to achieve their goals.

Budget Builder: an innovative partnership **between Auscare Support & My Spending Planner**

Auscare Support is a team of experienced and passionate disability sector professionals. We understand that you, your NDIS plan and your needs are unique. Our team has extensive front-line, support-linking and capacity-building experience, with a thorough understanding of the complexities of the NDIS. We are driven to ensure all clients:

- *Achieve their goals;*
- *Build their capacity; and*
- *Exercise choice and control over the decisions that affect them.*

Auscare Support is responsive, proactive and outcome-focused.



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My Spending Planner budgeting tools tailor a unique combination of services to create a yearly spending budget, to ensure a participants budget is 100% utilised.

My Spending Planner builds a budgeting solution by:

- *Selecting items from the NDIS price guide;*
- *Nominating frequency;*
- *Calculating the yearly cost;*
- *Ensuring overspending or (more importantly) under spending does not occur;*
- *Maximises the possible services the participant can receive; and*
- *Produces a report which can be saved, emailed or printed.*

Budget Builder explained ... how does it work?

1

You schedule sessions with a **Budget Builder** team member over the phone or via Zoom®.

During your first session, a plan is developed showing all the services you need and their associated costs. This is matched to your **NDIS funds** to make sure you are using all your funds and not going over budget.

2

Your Budget Builder team member sends you a detailed report of the plan, that you can share with your Plan Manager or Support Coordinator.

This ensures that the people responsible for managing your funds and connecting you with supports have a comprehensive understanding of the services you can receive, based on your goals and your budget.

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Schedule a quarterly, half-year and new Budget Build session.

Now you can feel in control of how you are managing your funds and confident that you can get the results you want!

When is a good time to engage the *Budget Builder* team?

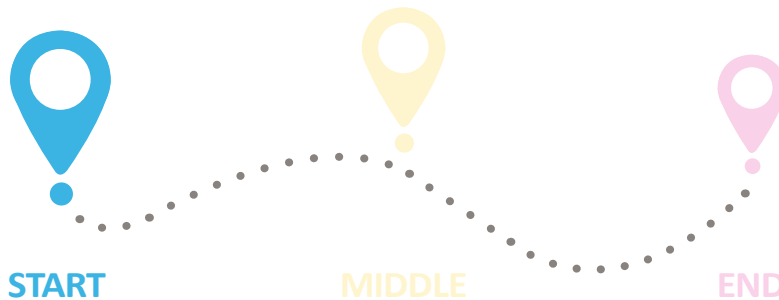
Budget Builder can assist you at the beginning of your plan, the middle of your plan and at the end of your plan.



Budget Builder ... at the beginning

At the beginning of your new plan, you will want to know how to allocate the funds over the life of the plan to ensure you have services for the duration.

You may be setting up service agreements with providers, giving them your frequency of supports, including details of the hours and days of the week.



Budget Builder ... in the middle

In the middle of the plan, you might want to take a moment to check back in and see how your funds are tracking. Do you need to modify or increase the frequency of services or ask for a plan review?

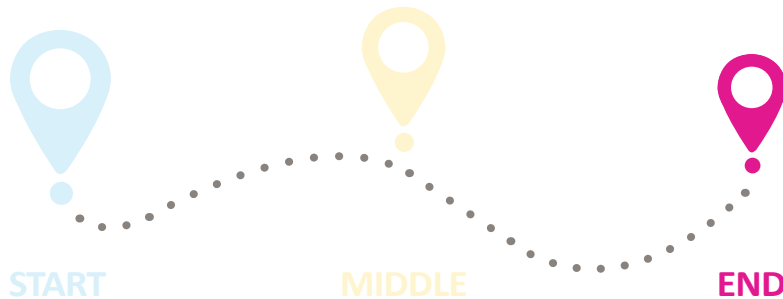
Our report documents the balance of funds and enables you to show what it is you require.



Budget Builder ... at the end

At the end of your plan, prior to review, you will look back over your spending and how you have used your funds. This guides your conversation with your Local Area Coordinator (LAC) or Early Childhood Early Intervention Coordinator (ECEI) and justifies the need for the same, increased or different combination of funds.

Our report gives you a detailed breakdown of your next activity statement. Make the most of the conversation with your LAC/ECEI and be confident in asking for what you need.



Our Budget Builders



Molly Cook Budget Builder, *Auscare Support Budget Builder Team*

Molly has worked in the disability sector for over 12 years, initially as a Support Worker, then a Support Coordinator and now as a Budget Builder.

Molly loves working with her clients and meeting new people. Being able to support her participants to understand and get the most out of their NDIS budget is the most rewarding part of her Budget Building role.



Rebecca Lackenby Budget Builder, *Auscare Support Budget Builder Team*

Rebecca has worked in the disability sector for 10 years as a Case Manager and then as a Support Coordinator following the introduction of the NDIS. She has worked predominately with participants with complex needs, building their capacity and independence and to ensure they receive the best care and support.

Rebecca's extensive experience in the sector has seen her transition into the role of Budget Builder. Rebecca is outcome-focused and feels passionate about assisting participants to maximise their NDIS funding and to achieve their goals.

How much does *Budget Builder* cost?

We suggest the following schedule, but we only charge for actual service time. **Budget Builder** can be paid for from your Core or Capacity Building budget. Cost is \$60/hour.

	#/HOURS	COST/HR	TOTAL
<i>1st Budget Build</i>	3.0 hrs	\$60/hr	\$180
<i>Quarterly Budget Build review</i>	1.0 hrs	\$60/hr	\$60
<i>Half-year Budget Build review</i>	1.0 hrs	\$60/hr	\$60
<i>New Budget Build - review meeting</i>	2.0 hrs	\$60/hr	\$120
<i>Non face-to-face time</i>	1.0 hrs	\$60/hr	\$60
TOTAL	8.0 hrs		\$480

* These prices are accurate as at today's date. Price may change in the future in line with NDIS Price Guide increases.

What our clients say about us ...

“ *The help and support I've had from Auscare has been fantastic. I would have struggled to find my way through the bureaucracy without their help. All the Auscare staff I have worked with have been very knowledgeable and very caring ... I can recommend Auscare with confidence!* ”

“ *Brilliant service with lots of knowledge for us newbies! Super efficient and prompt help always. Thanks for smoothing our entry to the NDIS world.* ”



#threesimplereasons to choose Auscare Support

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You are unique

Auscare Support has many clients, but to us you are unique and individual as our first.

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We answer your call

Our Budget Builders are available 9-5, Monday to Friday, to answer your call.

3

It is your choice

*By choosing **Budget Builder**, you have confidence in the choices you've made in relation to your funding!*



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Even more reasons to choose Auscare Support



Everyone is eligible

*Everyone is eligible for the **Budget Builder** service.*



Easy sign up

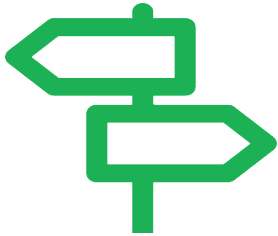
*We make signing up to **Budget Builder** easy, just call or email.*



Flexible payment

*Core or Support Coordination funds can be utilised to pay for the **Budget Builder** service.*

Even more reasons to choose **Auscare Support** *(continued)*



Clear guidance

Our Budget Builders understand the complexities of the NDIS and will explain everything to you clearly.



Peace of mind

We will ensure that your services are delivered in line with your budget and that you maximise your funding.



Ongoing support

Budget Builder can assist you at any stage of your NDIS plan: the beginning, the middle or the end.

Other Auscare Support services

Did you know Auscare Support is **nationally accredited**? No matter where you are, Auscare Support can assist you to achieve your goals.

In addition to ***Budget Builder***, Auscare Support can assist you with:

- ***Plan Management;***
- ***Support Coordination; and***
- ***Engaging with Support Workers via our Auscare + Mable partnership.***

Other Auscare Support services - Plan Management

There are **3 main options** NDIS participants can choose from to manage their NDIS funding. For those who select to be Plan-Managed, the NDIA will allocate funds in their plan to pay for a **Plan Manager**.

A **Plan Manager** is primarily responsible for:

- *Receiving invoices from service providers;*
- *Drawing funds from the NDIS portal; and*
- *Remitting those funds to service providers.*

Auscare Support has a team of **experienced Plan Managers** who will manage the day-to-day administrative tasks of your NDIS plan so you can focus on your goals.

Other Auscare Support services - Support Coordination

Support Coordination is an NDIS-funded support designed to build the capacity of NDIS participants.

Our **Support Coordinators** will work closely with you to find and engage service providers that are best suited to meet your individual needs and requirements.

Other Auscare Support services - Auscare + Mable Partnership

Auscare Support + Mable is an innovative partnership that provides a simple, flexible option for NDIS participants. It is a seamless solution to engage with local, fully-vetted, comprehensively insured and independent Support Workers.

Auscare Support + Mable gives you choice and control over who provides you with the supports you need to achieve your goals.



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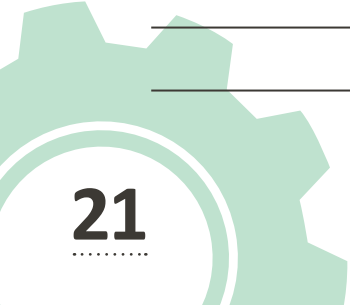


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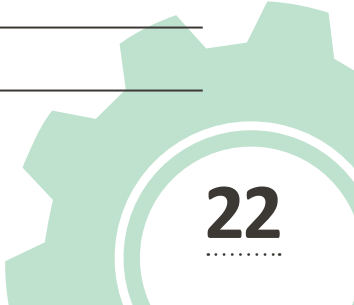
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