



SDA *application tips*

The best chance of a successful outcome is to get people that specialise in Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) to assist with your application.

Your Support Coordinator, Occupational Therapist (OT) and other allied health professionals can still support you through this process however it is important to remember how specialised this funding is. Having the best team around you will make the process easier, will make sure your application uses the right language and has strong evidence to support the housing option you are seeking.

SDA funding is separate legislation compared to other NDIS funding and is quite complex and can be challenging to achieve the correct outcome for your needs.



Choosing a Support Coordinator

Changing your Support Coordinator (SC) is not necessary. However, if your current SC has limited experience in SDA it is a good idea to bring in someone else to assist with the application. If you think of a SC as a General Practitioner, you can find a SC that is a specialist in SDA and will know exactly how to approach this process. When finding an SC to assist in your application there are some questions you can ask:

- 1 Have you assisted another NDIS participant in applying for SDA?
- 2 Was the participant successful in obtaining the appropriate SDA for their disability?
- 3 Do you have an understanding of my disability?



Choosing an Occupational Therapist (OT)

It is a really good idea to make sure an experienced OT is on your team to assist you with the application. When finding an OT to complete your report, there are some questions you can ask.

- 1 Have you completed an SDA OT report in the past?
- 2 If yes, do you know how the application went?
- 3 Do you have an understanding of my disability?
- 4 When doing this application can you include information on the type of care that I would need?



Completing your home and living application

The home and living application may look like a straightforward form, however filling it out correctly is important. Make sure someone with experience is assisting you with the form and always double check your answers. If you are hoping to make one of MS Queensland's apartments your home, we can look at your application before you submit.



Evidence and Experts

Showing as much evidence as possible for the type of dwelling and care you need is important. A report from an OT is necessary, but you can ask more allied health professionals to provide additional assessments e.g. physiotherapists, psychologists can submit additional reports.

There are businesses who specialise in supporting people through applications. Their fees are covered under Support Coordination hours and will make sure all evidence is clear, forms are correct, and nothing is missed. We have some great contacts with some businesses who specialise in this space, let us know if you'd like us to connect you.



Next steps

Eligibility for an MS Queensland apartment can happen prior to achieving an SDA outcome and is good to have an initial conversation with us as early as possible. We might ask for some more information like your NDIS plan or most recent OT assessment to assist in understanding your needs and providing guidance on if an MS QLD property or support might be suitable for you.

Get in touch with us to get more information, ask any questions or book a tour of a location near you. Our friendly team is happy to guide you at any step of your SDA journey.

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