

Specialist Disability Accommodation

SDA *Fact Sheet*

Before you start the SDA process, we want to make sure you have all the information.

Here are some things you need to know about the way **Specialist Disability Accommodation** is funded:



Specialist disability accommodation (SDA) is the physical living environment (bricks and mortar). This funding is separate to the care a person gets to assist them with daily living. E.g., SIL - Supported Independent Living, Concierge Support, ILO - Individual Living Options or Flexible Core Supports.



Once a person has SDA in their plan, they are able to lease an SDA apartment. Rent is capped at 25% of the Disability Support Pension plus 100% of any Commonwealth Rental Assistance. You will be required to pay a bond of two weeks rent. Board may also need to be paid weekly, this is a cost that could include electricity, water etc and varies depending on which location you are looking at. If you don't receive the Disability Support Pension let us know and we can talk you through the alternatives.





The first step of the SDA process is to ensure you have a housing goal in your plan. If you don't have a housing goal talk to your LAC, Support Coordinator or planner. You will also need funding for support coordination hours and Allied Health assessments and reports.



Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) is provided within four separate categories: Improved Liveability, Fully Accessible, High Physical Support, and Robust. MS Queensland specialises in High Physical Support, single occupancy apartments.



Majority of MS Queensland supported apartments* have on site support options available and also provide the flexibility to create a custom support system that works for your needs.



The SDA process can take a very long time, on average 6 - 10 months. **It is best to start this process early** and remember once you have SDA in your plan you can use it in the future.



SDA is for people with a permanent disability who have very high support needs. Only 6% of people eligible for the NDIS are eligible for SDA. The process is extensive, and you need to be thorough and address every assessment criteria. **The best chance of a successful outcome is to get people that specialise in SDA to assist with your application.**

*excluding Lutwyche

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on the SDA process, please contact us.

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