



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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GENERAL

What is the NDIS?	<p>Based on each individual's specific needs, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provides funding to Australians with disabilities. Through the NDIS, the government provides support to eligible Australians with a disability, as well as their families and carers.</p> <p>It is estimated that over the next 5 years, the NDIS will support around 500,000 Australians who have permanent and/or significant disabilities with the funding they need for necessary supports and services needed to live an ordinary life.</p> <p>More information can be found at: https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding</p>
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<p>What is SDA?</p>	<p>SDA or Specialist Disability Accommodation refers to a home that has specialist designs that cater specifically to people with special needs. This kind of specialist accommodation may also include factors such as location or specific features that assist in delivering access to support.</p> <p>Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) is one of the supports that may be funded under the NDIS, and each SDA property must be enrolled with the NDIA. All owners of SDA properties must be registered SDA providers.</p>
<p>What is SDA funding?</p>	<p>SDA funding refers to the funding that eligible NDIS participants may receive to cover the cost of living in an SDA home that provides the specialist design features a participant needs.</p> <p>SDA funding is paid directly to the registered SDA provider and is for the dwelling only. That is, it does not cover support costs (such as Supported Independent Living), which are assessed and funded separately by the NDIS.</p> <p>Eligible NDIS participants who have qualified for SDA funding in their NDIS plan can choose which SDA property they would like to live in from the available supply of SDA properties in the market.</p> <p>For more information go to: https://www.ndis.gov.au/specialist-disability-accommodation</p>

ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT

<p>Will I be able to choose/bring my own support?</p>	<p>In all of our SDA by Project Friday apartments, you will have full control over your choice of support. Being able to select your own supports that provide you with the assistance you need most, is important. We</p>
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	understand this and want to ensure you're able to have complete control over your rostered or planned supports.
What others supports will I have access to in the Apartment?	On-site support 24/7 may be available based on the community's cooperative needs. This 24/7 support has funded by your NDIS plan through SIL (Supported Independent Living) funding, meaning there are no extra costs.

THE APARTMENTS

Who owns the Apartments?	SDA by Project Friday is a registered NDIS Service Provider of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA Provider). Project Friday owns the apartments, which have been designed to go above and beyond the specialist design features outlined by SDA.
Who are the apartments for?	<p>These apartments are available for rent by SDA-eligible participants. If you meet the following requirements, please reach out to us via sda@projectfriday.com.au to apply for an apartment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are an eligible (or likely to be eligible) NDIS participant - You are aged between 18-64 years old - You need at least 6 hours of support a day from another person (paid or informal supports) - You are able to spend time independently of others but need support to be available when asked for - You can live near others and are capable of sharing lifts and other common areas - You require specialist design features in your own home - You wish to build your independence, gain privacy and have choice and control over your selected supports

How much does it cost to live in these apartments?	The SDA funding in your NDIS plan will be paid to SDA by Project Friday. <u>NOTE:</u> We will NOT take your 'reasonable rent contribution', which is 25% of your Disability Support Pension, plus 25% of any pension supplement received, plus 100% of any Commonwealth Rent Assistance you receive (or equivalent).
How is rent paid?	Rent can be paid electronically and terms are able to be negotiated with our Property and Tenancy Manager, Deb Samuel.
What other expenses should I consider?	You will be required to pay for all utilities (electricity, gas, water and internet) as well as groceries, medication and other household supplies you may need.
Is the property furnished?	While the property is not furnished, we, in addition to a dishwasher, equip each apartment with a washer dryer, fridge and microwave. The property can be furnished to your own preferences.
Do I need to take out insurance?	Project Friday will pay for building insurance. We recommend that you take out contents insurance to cover the loss or damage of your personal possessions.
Can I have a pet?	Provided that you can demonstrate that you can adequately care for your pet, Project Friday will accept pet applications. Pets must comply with body corporate by-laws and be approved by the body corporate.

Can I smoke in my Apartment?	No. All SDA Project Friday apartments are smoke-free accommodations. If you smoke, you must smoke outside and be mindful of your neighbours.
Are there fire sprinklers?	Yes. All living areas and bedrooms are fitted with sprinklers.
What is the safety and fire plan for apartment living?	All SDA by Project Friday apartments are designed as compartments to ensure that you will be safe to shelter in place for a certain time. The apartments are fire rated with doors connected to an electric strike system that will automatically unlock the door when in an alarm state. This allows assisted evacuation. You will also have on-site assistance to support your evacuation.