

# AUTISM DIAGNOSIS

## FIRST SUPPORTS TO ACCESS



### FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Centrelink Carers Allowance: \$159.90\* fortnightly payment for carers of children with a medical condition or disability.

Centrelink Carer's Payment: Means tested payment for carers.

Health Care Card: Access cheaper medicines and other concessions.

More information: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carers-payment>



### EDUCATION AND EARLY SUPPORTS

Early Childhood Approach (if under 9): Use NDIS "Find your partner" tool to access state specific services.

School supports: Individual learning plans, funding for in-school support.

More information: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/contact/locations>



### NDIS

Apply if daily living, communication, or social interaction significantly impacted. NDIS plans allow for the individual to access funding for providers to support individual goals.

More information: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/applying-access-ndis/how-apply>



### CONCESSIONS

You may be eligible to access concession rates for electricity/gas, transport, and recreational activities but these are means tested.

Companion Cards: Allows people with lifelong disability who need attendant care to attend events and venues without paying for their support person's ticket. Each state has its own application process, but once issued, the card is recognised across all of Australia.