

Supports that are not NDIS supports that may be considered replacement supports

Replacement supports

The following information outlines items that are not NDIS supports but may be considered a replacement support for participants in specific circumstances.

Category – Day to day living

Replacement support: standard commercially available household items

Specific circumstances the support may be considered for replacement

- Where there is clear evidence that the need for the item relates specifically to the participant's impairment that meets the disability or early intervention requirements.
- This item must increase whole task independence and reduce or eliminate the need for a support worker or disability specific assistive technology.

Proposed support category

- Consumables.
- Assistive Technology.

Replacement support: smart watches, tablets, smart phones, apps for accessibility/communication purposes

Specific circumstances the support may be considered for replacement

- Participants who require the use of a smart watch, tablet or smart phone required to meet communication and accessibility needs.
- For example, a participant with complex communication needs who uses a tablet as an alternative communication device, which is their only way to communicate and so cannot be shared, where this is the most appropriate solution for their needs.
- Note: Any smart device used for tracking purposes could be considered a restrictive practice and needs to be considered in this context.

Proposed support category

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