

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

Proposed replacement supports

The following information outlines the updated list of items that 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.

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