Short Term Accommodation



What is Short Term Accommodation?

Short Term Accommodation (STA), including respite, provides funding for participants to receive temporary supports and accommodation in a setting away from their usual home. STA helps participants maintain their independence, supports carers, and promotes social and daily living skills.
STA is designed to help informal supports continue their caring role. It is one option that provides participants and their informal supports time apart.
Generally, STA is funded for a group price, unless there is evidence the participant requires 1:1 supports due to disability.

STA is typically used:

- For respite purposes
- To support the participant while their usual supports are unavailable
- As an opportunity to build skills, try new activities, and meet new people in a safe and supported environment

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What is included in STA?

Short Term Accommodation line items cover all expenses including; supports for self-care, community access supports, accommodation, food and activities in a centre or group residence for short periods of time.

This includes agreed-upon activities in group settings, but it does not cover personal lifestyle costs, travel expenses, or leisure activities such as holidays. Providers should not charge for transport, activities, or meals on top of the STA rate when providing STA supports, even if charging under the maximum daily rate.

Short Term Accommodation Eligibility Criteria

Criteria	Details
Budget Availability	Participants must have available **Core, Assistance with Daily Life** funding.
	If the Core budget is made up of only stated supports and STA is not included, the claim may not be valid.
Duration Limits	Unless the plan states otherwise:
	Max **14 consecutive days** per stay
	Max **28 days per 12-month period**
Accommodation Type	Must be in a **group facility/shared setting** with disability support staff
	If the stay involves one-on-one support or the participant stays alone (e.g. in a hotel or serviced apartment), NDIA approval is required unless it is stated in the plan.
	STA providers do not have to be NDIS registered
Purpose & Activities	Activities must be aligned with daily living, development, and participation goals.
	STA must not be used for holidays, leisure-based trips, or one-off adventures unless part of a broader goal-based support

Ineligible Uses of STA

STA cannot be used to fund or enable:

- Cruises or holiday packages
- Tickets to events or general recreational experiences
- Non-disability related travel or wellness services
- Accommodation that is primarily tourism-focused (e.g. Airbnb, hotel)
- One-on-one supports without prior NDIA approval
- Medical appointments/events that are far from home

Unless specified in the plan, STA is generally not available to participants in Supported Independent Living (SIL), Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) or those who live alone, as they already have time apart from family and informal supports.

- If the NDIS Planner or Delegate provides written permission for STA to be used in any of the above situations, this overrides the agencies general rules

Please use below link for STA invoice issues

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