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Topic: National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Senator Bernardi asked:

Under the new Disability Care Australia scheme (aka the National Disability Insurance Scheme), would a 47-year-old Australian citizen with rheumatoid arthritis be eligible to receive support?

Answer:

It is not possible to answer Senator Bernardi's question based on the information provided.

Access to DisabilityCare Australia will not be based only on medical diagnosis. Access to the scheme will focus on determining if a person has a permanent impairment and on assessing the impact of a person's impairment on their capacity to undertake ordinary everyday activities.

The eligibility requirements are set out in sections 21–25 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*. People can use My Access Checker on the DisabilityCare Australia website to find out if they are likely to be eligible.