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#  LEAP program 2023 – NDIS information

Vision Australia’s LEAP (Learn, Engage, Act, Perform) program is a personal development and leadership program. LEAP is specifically designed for young people who are blind or have low vision who are aged between 14-18 years.

The content of this program addresses areas of learning which are not typically delivered via other programs such as traditional education systems or disability employment services. It is designed for young people to complete before they finish high school.

The LEAP program for 2023 can be funded through the NDIS under Capacity Building. It is designed to support young people to achieve their goals across the following domains:

* Choice and control
* Work
* Social and community participation
* Relationships
* Daily living
* Lifelong learning
* Health and Wellbeing

Examples of goals and expected outcomes include:

* Develop an understanding of self-identity, personality-type, and personal values;
* Identify potential career paths through exploratory activities;
* Develop and apply social skills relevant for a workplace;
* Skills development for employment such as developing an elevator pitch; disclosure and self-advocacy; use of voice as an effective tool for communication; financial literacy, basic business and presentation skills;
* Job preparation skills, including using platforms such as LinkedIn
* Emotional resilience; healthy routines; healthy relationships
* Networking; problem solving; project development and implementation
* Development skills in the use of assistive technology that is commonly found in workplace and study environments.
* Build independence and confidence to participate in social situations.

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Program is delivered by Vision Australia service providers who have expertise in working with young people who are blind or have low vision. This may include, but is not limited to, an occupational therapist, speech pathologist, orientation and mobility specialist, or child and family counsellor. The discipline of the service provider may be determined according to the young person’s geographical location and additional goals or needs.

The duration of the program is ten months. All sessions are delivered via Tele-health. Please talk to us if you require in-person sessions. In-person sessions may be provided according to the young person’s geographical location and additional goals or needs.

There are two main components to the delivery of the program:

1. 90-minute one-on-one monthly sessions with a Vision Australia service provider.
2. 60-minute group monthly meeting with fellow LEAP 2023 participants and Vision Australia facilitators.

In addition, specialized individual training sessions are offered, these cover areas such as assistive technology and résumé development. These sessions are tailored to the participant’s individual needs and goals.

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| Billing |
| **Activity** | **NDIS Support Budget** | **NDIS Item Code** | **NDIS Item Description** | **Total Cost** |
| 10 x 2 hour with Allied Health Professional | CB Daily Living | 15\_056\_0128\_1\_3 | Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or Training (Incl. AT) - Other Therapy | $3,879.80 |
| 2 x 1.5 hours with Assistive Technology Specialist | CB Daily Living | 15\_056\_0128\_1\_3 | Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or Training (Incl. AT) - Other Therapy | $581.97 |
| 11 x 1 hour group therapy sessions | CB Daily Living | 15\_056\_0128\_1\_3 | Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or Training (Incl. AT) - Other Therapy | $266.64 |
| 1 hour with Employment Consultant (30 mins face-to-face and up to 30 mins preparation) | CB Daily Living | 15\_037\_0117\_1\_3 | Individual skills development and training | $62.17 |
| 1 x 1 hour of mentor finding and matching (30 mins face to face and up to 30 mins preparation) | CB Daily Living | 15\_037\_0117\_1\_3 | Individual skills development and training | $62.17 |
| 1 x 1 hour with Assistive Technology Specialist – group session 1:8 | CB Daily Living | 15\_056\_0128\_1\_3 | Assessment Recommendation Therapy and/or Training (Incl. AT) - Other Therapy | $24.24 |

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### Additional costs

• If you are new to Vision Australia Services, or are returning, a 1.5 hour goal setting and introductory meeting with a Primary Service Provider is required, at the cost of $290.99

• The above is a standard quote, quotes may be adjusted to provide more time in individual appointments and for any additional preparation/follow up

• Report writing may be quoted if required.

• Service provider preparation time and follow-up may be billed for up to 30 minutes per session.

• Provider travel billed at therapy hourly rate of $193.99 per hour (only if offsite appointment specified).