

How to get Ministry of Health funded Disability Support Services

If you live in NZ, are a NZ resident and have a long-term disability which isn't covered by ACC, you may be able to get Ministry of Health funded disability support services



Disability Information & Advisory Services (DIAS)

The Ministry of Health has an agreement with a number of organisations throughout the country to provide disability information and advice. Anyone can get this service and it is free. They can give you information about disability, what support services are available and how to find them.

Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC)

The best way to find out if you can get disability support services like those described on the right hand side of the page is to get in touch with a NASC. NASC are organisations that have an agreement with the Ministry of Health to arrange disability support services for you. They will tell you if you are eligible, work with you to find out what your needs are and arrange the support and services that you agree to.

For more information on how NASC works, see the flowchart on the back of this page.

Equipment & Modification Services

If you have difficulty doing everyday tasks because of your disability, you may be able to get some equipment and/or modifications to your home or vehicle to help you. The best way to find out is to contact:

Accessible if you live in Auckland or Northland on 0508 001 002 or visit www.accessable.co.nz

Enable New Zealand if you live in the rest of New Zealand on 0800 17 1981 or visit www.disabilityfunding.co.nz

There is a whole range of fact sheets describing how you go about getting equipment and modifications

Home & Community Support

If you want to live in your own home but need help to do so, you may be able to get help with your personal cares (such as eating, showering, getting dressed), meals and housework.

Community Residential Support

This service is about helping you to live in a supported home-like environment in your local community. The home has paid staff to help you look after yourself and do activities in the community.

Respite Services

Respite services usually give you a temporary place to stay while giving your carer, family/whanau a short-term break from their usual role of supporting you at home.

Carer Support

If you have an unpaid full-time carer, they may be able to get some financial assistance from the Ministry of Health. Carer Support is a payment they can put towards the cost of paying someone else to be there for you, so they can take a break.

The Ministry of Health funds other disability support services. For information on these services visit the Ministry of Health website.

For more information on disability or any of the Ministry of Health funded disability support services described above, call the New Zealand Federation of Disability Information Centres (NZFDIC) on free phone 0800 693 342 or visit www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/disability-fundedservices. The Ministry of Health has fact sheets describing the disability support services they fund. Ask the Disability Information Centre in your area for a free Information Pack containing these fact sheets.