



Disability Allowance

Eligibility

You must:

- have a disability or health condition that is likely to last at least six months
- have regular, ongoing costs because of a disability which are not fully covered by another agency
- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here
- meet the income test given by Work and Income

What's It All About?

The Disability Allowance is a weekly payment for people of all ages who have a disability or ongoing health condition and need help with the additional costs directly associated with that condition.

Please see the 'Allowable Costs' Fact Sheet for a list of examples of costs that can be paid for through the Disability Allowance.

It is available to people who qualify for a Community Services Card, including those on a benefit or people who are working. There is an income test. An application can also be made on behalf of a child if they are aged 18 years or under and financially dependent on the person who's making the application.

Where To From Here?

Make contact with Work and Income - your Disability Allowance will be paid from this date.

You will need to fill out an application form. You can do this online at www.workandincome.govt.nz, or request a hard copy of the application form to fill out at home. Alternatively, you could make an appointment at your nearest Work and Income Service Centre or Community Link for assistance in making an application.

In the Bay of Plenty there are Work and Income Community Link sites in Whakatane, Opotiki, Kawerau, Murupara, Te Puke, Mount Maunganui, Tauranga and Katikati.

All Work and Income sites can be reached on 0800 559 009.

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