

## Community Costs Payment

A WEEKLY PAYMENT FOR PEOPLE IN SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMMES, TO HELP MEET ESSENTIAL ONGOING LIVING COSTS.

### ***What it's for***

Community Costs Payments are paid to clients in short-term residential treatment programmes, who can not pay their ongoing expenses in the community. It can help pay for costs like:

- accommodation costs (if you had these prior to entering residential care, and you need to keep paying them)
- childcare costs
- energy costs and telephone rental (line charges/rental only)
- hire purchases for essential items.

These payments are not for the expenses people might have during the treatment programme.

### ***Who can get it***

People who are in short-term residential treatment programmes (less than 39 weeks) may qualify. They need to have ongoing, essential living costs, and have no other way to pay them.

There are other criteria, so talk with us to find out more.

### ***How much is paid***

The amount we pay varies and is determined on a case-by-case basis. It depends on how much a person (and their partner if they have one) earns and any money or assets they may have.

Applicants need to show they have done everything they can to meet their ongoing essential costs before the Community Costs Payment can be approved.

### ***How to apply***

Applications are available from our website or you can contact us to arrange for an application to be sent. They are also available from any residential treatment facility.

#### for more information:

Call the Residential Subsidy Unit on **0800 999 779** or email us at **msd\_rss@msd.govt.nz**

Go to **[www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals)**