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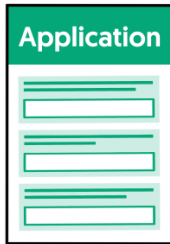


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About this Easy Read



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In this document the words
we / us mean MSD.



This Easy Read is about the **Child
Disability Allowance**.



The **Child Disability Allowance** is money we can give you if you look after a child with a **serious disability**.



Here having a **serious disability** means the child needs lots more support than other children their age.

Who can get the Child Disability Allowance?



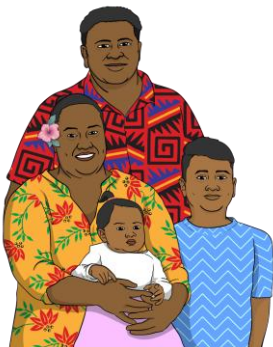
You can get the Child Disability Allowance if a child you care for has a serious disability.



To get the Child Disability Allowance the child needs to have a disability that will last for 12 months or more.



You must be the **main carer** of the child to get the Child Disability Allowance.



The **main carer** is the person who looks after the child most of the time.

Usually the parent is the main carer.



If the child does not have a main carer you can get the Child Disability Allowance if you are the person looking after the child.



You can only get the Child Disability Allowance if the child is under 18.



To get the Child Disability Allowance you must be an Aotearoa New Zealand:

- **citizen**
- **permanent resident.**



An Aotearoa New Zealand **citizen** is someone who can get an Aotearoa New Zealand passport.

Many Aotearoa New Zealand citizens are born in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Some people who come to live in Aotearoa New Zealand from overseas also become Aotearoa New Zealand citizens.



An Aotearoa New Zealand **permanent resident** is someone who:

- is not an Aotearoa New Zealand citizen
- has been told by the Government they can live in Aotearoa New Zealand all the time.

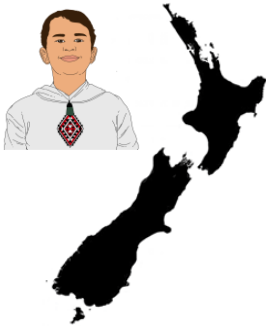


You must also:



- live in Aotearoa New Zealand
- plan to keep living in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Your child must also:



- live in Aotearoa New Zealand
- plan to keep living in Aotearoa New Zealand.

When you cannot get the Child Disability Allowance



You cannot get the Child Disability Allowance if **Oranga Tamariki** is in charge of making sure the child is looked after properly.



Oranga Tamariki is the part of the Government that makes sure children are looked after well in Aotearoa New Zealand.



You cannot get the Child Disability Allowance if the child gets some kinds of other money from us.



You can get the Child Disability Allowance if the other money the child gets from us is the:

- **Orphan's Benefit**
- **Unsupported Child's Benefit.**



The **Orphan's Benefit** is money we pay to people who look after a child whose parents are:

- dead
- missing
- too unwell to look after them.



The **Unsupported Child's Benefit** is money we pay to people who look after a child when their parents cannot.

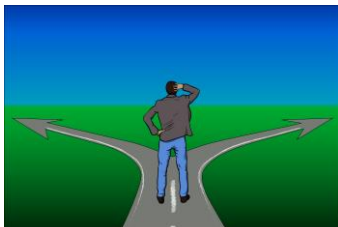


The child may be able to get the **Supported Living Payment** if they are 16 years old or older.



The **Supported Living Payment** is money we give to people when:

- their disability makes it hard for them to work
- they look after a disabled person.



You cannot get the Child Disability Allowance if the child gets the Supported Living Payment.

How much is the Child Disability Allowance?



Everyone who gets the Child Disability Allowance is paid the same amount of money.



The amount of money you get does not change based on how much you:

- earn
- own
- spend.



The Child Disability Allowance is:



- paid into your bank account every 2 weeks
- paid separately from other benefits you may get.



The list of how much you get paid for benefits is on this **website**:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/benefit-rates



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What kind of disability gets this support?



You can get the Child Disability Allowance if your child needs to have care for a:

- physical disability which is to do with their body
- sensory disability which is to do with things like:
 - seeing
 - hearing
- mental health condition which is to do with how they feel
- intellectual disability which is to do with how their mind works
- medical condition that lasts for a long time.



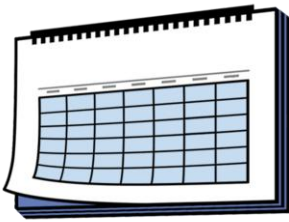


You can get the Child Disability Allowance if your child needs **constant care and attention** for their disability:

- for all their life as a child

or

- for more than 12 months.



Here **constant care and attention** means that the child needs support from an adult all the time for:

- their **bodily functions**
- their health
- doing everyday things
- being kept safe.





Bodily functions means things like:

- going to the toilet
- eating
- keeping clean.

You might also be able to get the **Disability Allowance** for the child.

The **Disability Allowance** is money we can give to disabled people.

You can use this money to pay for things to do with your disability like:

- going to the doctor
- medicine
- counselling.



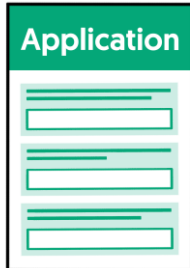
You can read more information about the Disability Allowance at this website:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/da



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How to apply



To apply for the Child Disability Allowance you need to fill out a printed application form.



You can find the Child Disability Allowance application form at this website:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/cda-form



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Contact us if you cannot print out the form.



We can send the form to you.

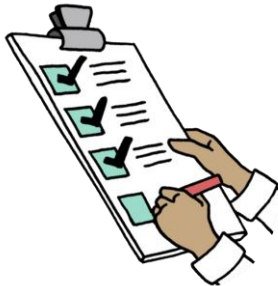


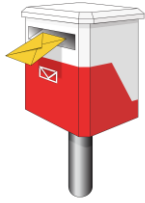
It is good to give as much information as possible with your application.



Some documents that are good to include with your application are:

- letters from the doctor of your child
- assessments / write up from the doctor about the condition your child has
- a Needs Assessment Service Coordination / NASC report
- a Special Education assessment
- an Ongoing Resourcing Scheme / ORS report.





You can:

- post your application to us
- drop it in at your nearest service centre.



How to contact us

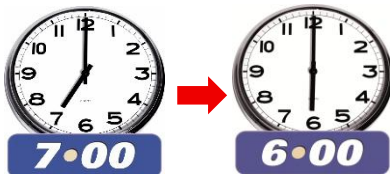


You can contact us by calling:

0800 559 009



This number does not cost money to call.



You can call this number on:

- Monday to Friday:
 - from 7 am to 6 pm



- Saturday:
 - from 8 am to 1 pm.



If you find it hard to use the phone
you can:

- **text** us on:

4206



- **email** us:

MSD_Deaf_Services@msd.govt.nz



You can find more information about
our Deaf Services at this **website**:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/deaf-services



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You can also contact us using the New Zealand Relay service.

The **New Zealand Relay** service is for people who are:



- Deaf / hard of hearing
- deafblind
- speech impaired / find it hard to talk.



You can find out more about the New Zealand Relay service at:

www.nzrelay.co.nz



You can find information about the
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