

CHILD DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

Child Disability Allowance is a fortnightly payment made to the main carer of a child or young person with a serious disability. It is paid in recognition of the extra care and attention needed for that child. It is NOT income tested and does NOT imply your child has a permanent disability. This condition must be expected to have an impact for 12 months or more.

Separate to this the caregiver may apply for a "Disability Allowance", which is up to an additional \$65 per week towards the cost of counselling for the young person.

Please ask us for disability allowance paperwork if you would like to apply for this (you will need the "Disability Allowance Application" and a "Disability Certificate for Counselling" form, get in touch for assistance with this)

WHO CAN GET IT

You may get a Child Disability Allowance if:

- you are the main carer of the child (or if there is no main carer, you have care of the child for the time being)
- you are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- the child has been assessed as needing constant care and attention for at least 12 months because of a serious disability
- the child or young person is under 18.
- Both you and the child should also normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here.

You may be able to get both the Disability Allowance and the Child Disability Allowance for the same child. But you can't get this allowance if the child already gets a benefit (except for the Orphan's or Unsupported Child's Benefit). If the child is 16 or over, they may be able to get Supported Living Payment.

You can't get a Child Disability Allowance if you get Board Payments from Child, Youth and Family for the child.

HOW MUCH YOU CAN GET:

The Child Disability Allowance is \$47.00 a week for each child who qualifies. This is a set amount and doesn't depend on your income, assets or costs. This allowance is paid into your bank account every 2 weeks and is paid separately from any other assistance you may get.

In most cases, it won't affect any other assistance you may get from us.

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HOW TO APPLY:

When you apply for the Child Disability Allowance, you will need to complete this application form and provide the following:

1. For New Zealand born clients, one form of government-issued documentation stating your full legal name and date of birth (eg your birth certificate, passport, driver licence, firearms licence, deed poll etc)
2. For clients born overseas, proof of your lawful residence in New Zealand (eg New Zealand passport, other country passport with residence class visa or resident permit, citizenship certificate, etc)
3. Two more documents supporting your identity. These could include your marriage certificate, bank statement, phone or power account, driver licence, etc)

Note: One of the documents requested above must be at least 2 years old.

4. A form or letter from Inland Revenue showing your IRD (tax) number.
5. Full birth certificates for the child or young person.
6. Proof of bank account details.

We can grant you the financial assistance you're entitled to from the date you first contact us, if you complete your application within 20 working days of that date.

APPLY FOR CHILD DISABILITY ALLOWANCE ONLY

Step 1 - Fill out the form

You need to complete the Child Disability Allowance application form. Your child's doctor also needs to complete the medical certificate within the form. You do not need to add the disability certificate for counselling as you would do for a disability allowance.

Step 2 - Come in and see us

- If you're already getting a benefit from us and your child is included in this, you can drop off the form and documents to one of our service centres, or post them to us. The application form tells you what documents you need to provide.
- If you can't drop off these documents today, contact us now if you haven't already done so. This is so we can pay your Child Disability Allowance from the right date.
- Otherwise you need to call WINZ to book an appointment to come in and see us. The application form tells you what you need to bring.

This type of funding can be applied for online. If you have a RealMe account set up with WINZ, try applying online first.