

Emergency Medical Treatment – Special Needs Grant Information and Criteria

There are two types of funding you can apply for, and you can apply for both of them. They have different income thresholds. The Disability Allowance isn't asset tested.

The Special Needs Grant is a one-off payment of \$300 which covers most of the cost of your initial assessment with us (you would still need to pay \$18 in total, towards the two appointments with a Psychologist and Dr).

Anxiety New Zealand Trust have an arrangement with Work & Income New Zealand and Studylink for a Special Needs Grant under the Category 'Emergency Medical Treatment' of \$300 to be paid directly to Anxiety New Zealand to fund the cost of initial assessment (a Needs Assessment & Psychiatric Assessment) for new clients at our clinic. Those applying for Special Needs Grant are deemed to have an immediate and essential need for assessment at the Anxiety Trust.

To be eligible for the Special Needs Grant you need to meet the following criteria:

Income limits for a Special Needs Grant at 1st April 2020

If you are:	Weekly income before tax is less than	Annual income before tax is less than
single, 16-17 years	\$508.54	\$26,444.08
single, 18+ years	\$584.46	\$30,391.92
married, civil union or de facto couple (with or without children)	\$848.92	\$44,143.84
sole parent (1 child)	\$709.22	\$36,879.44
sole parent (2+ children)	\$747.20	\$38,854.40

Asset limits

- These don't include what you need for day-to-day living, eg your home or your car. They do include money in the bank, or things like a caravan or a second property.

If you are:	Your assets are worth less than
single	\$1,113.36
married, civil union or de facto couple (with or without children) or sole parent	\$1,855.15

- To apply for the Special Needs Grant, there is a short form for you to complete. You then need to make an appointment with your local WINZ office and take this form in, along with a letter from us, two forms of id, and a recent bank statement (2 months' worth) or upload it to the portal. If you are employed – you may need to show four recent payslips with the 'gross', 'before tax' amount.

In addition to the Special Needs Grant, you can apply for a **Disability Allowance** to cover the ongoing costs of your treatment at Anxiety New Zealand. This isn't paid back to WINZ.

Weekly Amount you may get:

Standard Disability Allowance – maximum	\$65.36
Special Disability Allowance	\$40.77
Child Disability Allowance	\$49.26

It is your responsibility to arrange payment for your treatment in advance. If you are declined for funding, or your situation changes and your funding is stopped, you will still need to pay for any appointments you have had. If you have any questions, or any of this is unclear, please feel free to give us a call and we can talk you through the process.