

### Wellington

L.I.F.E Unlimited, Petone  
Capital Support, Porirua

### Nelson

Support Works

### Christchurch

Life Links

### Southland

Access Ability, Dunedin  
Access Ability, Invercargill

### You can also contact:

- your local disability information and advisory service
- a Ministry of Health Disability Support Services office
- [www.moh.govt.nz/disability](http://www.moh.govt.nz/disability)
- [disability@moh.govt.nz](mailto:disability@moh.govt.nz)
- [dsdcomplaints@moh.govt.nz](mailto:dsdcomplaints@moh.govt.nz)
- 0800 DSD MOH (0800 373 664)  
Option 1: General information  
Option 2: Complaints line.

### Disability Support Services offices

#### National Office

- ✉ PO Box 5013, Wellington
- ☎ Ph: (04) 496 2000
- 📠 Fax: (04) 496 2050

#### Auckland Office

- ✉ Private Bag 92 522,  
Wellesley St, Auckland
- ☎ Ph: (09) 580 9000
- 📠 Fax: (09) 580 9001

#### Hamilton Office

- ✉ PO Box 1031, Hamilton
- ☎ Ph: (07) 858 7000
- 📠 Fax: (07) 858 7070

#### Dunedin Office

- ✉ PO Box 5849, Dunedin
- ☎ Ph: (03) 474 8040
- 📠 Fax: (03) 474 8582

# Information on Disability Support Services



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Health and Disability  
National Services Directorate

## Who we are

Disability Support Services is part of the Health and Disability National Services Directorate at the Ministry of Health.

It is responsible for planning and funding disability support services for people with long-term physical, sensory, and/or intellectual disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria. Most people receiving supports are aged under 65.

It is one of a number of government and non-governmental organisations that fund supports for people with long-term disabilities.

## What support services we fund

Disability Support Services funds a range of disability support services to help disabled people and their family and whānau to live as others do in their homes and community. These include:

- disability information advisory services, usually known as DIAS

- home-based services such as personal care and home help
- residential services
- supports for carers in the home and respite services
- supported independent living services.

It also funds environmental support services, such as equipment and modifications, for disabled people of all ages who meet the eligibility criteria.

## Where to go for information on support services

You can get information on what disability supports are available from your local needs assessment and service co-ordination (NASC) organisation, which has a key role to help disabled people get support services. Contact details for these NASC, listed over, can be found in your white pages, online at [www.whitepages.co.nz](http://www.whitepages.co.nz) or under contact details at [www.moh.govt.nz/disability](http://www.moh.govt.nz/disability).

### Northland

NorthAble, Whangarei

### Auckland

Taikura Trust

### Hamilton

Disability Support Link

### Tairāwhiti

L.I.F.E. Unlimited Charitable Trust

### Bay of Plenty

Support Net, Kupenga Hao Ite Ora, Tauranga

### Taranaki

Access Ability, New Plymouth

### Hawke's Bay

Bay Home Support, Hastings

### Wanganui

Access Ability

### Palmerston North

Supportlinks

### Wairarapa

Focus, Masterton