

## Needs Assessment Service Co-ordination (NASC)

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### What is a Disability Services NASC?

NASC are organisations contracted by Disability Support Services, Ministry of Health to determine disabled people's eligibility for Ministry of Health funded disability support services. They work with disabled people and their family/whānau/aiga/carer, to identify their strengths and support needs. The NASC then outlines what supports and services are available and which of these are funded by Disability Services. NASCs allocate Ministry of Health funded disability support services and assist with accessing other supports. These services are then delivered by the respective service providers.

### What are NASCs' key roles and responsibilities?

The contract Disability Support Services has with NASCs requires three things:

1. Facilitated needs assessment
2. Service co-ordination
3. Resource allocation within a fixed budget.

### What is a needs assessment?

The needs assessment helps to determine what the person's abilities, resources, goals and needs are and then helps them to identify which of these is the most important. NASCs carry out the needs assessment with the disabled person.

### Who is eligible for a needs assessment?

Needs assessment is available for people of all ages who meet the Disability Support Services' definition of disability. (See Frequently Asked Questions for definitions and eligibility.) Disability Support Services also funds disability support services for people with certain neurological conditions that result in permanent disabilities, certain developmental disabilities in children and young people such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder, and physical, intellectual or sensory disability that co-exist with a health condition and/or injury. These need to be clarified with a NASC or Disability Support Services, Ministry of Health.

### How do I get a needs assessment?

In most cases you need a written referral before a needs assessment can take place. NASCs have their own referral forms, which they will send out to you on request. You can refer yourself or any other person or organisation can make the referral for you as long as they have your agreement. The NASC reviews your referral for eligibility for Ministry of Health funded disability support services and will then make an appointment to see you with any family, whānau, aiga or carer you would like to have with you. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for Ministry of Health funded disability support services then the NASC will assist you in finding other services that may be able to help.

### **What is service co-ordination?**

Service co-ordination identifies plans and reviews the package of disability support services required to meet the identified needs and goals of the disabled person and, where appropriate, their family, whānau, aiga and carers.

### **Resource management**

The NASC must ensure that the supports and services allocated to you are fair and fit within the fixed disability support services budget.

### **How do I find a NASC organisation?**

You can contact your local NASC which can be found online at [www.moh.govt.nz/disability](http://www.moh.govt.nz/disability) under contact details. Your doctor or other health professionals should also be able to refer you to your local NASC.

You can also contact a Disability Information Service - look in the phone book under 'D' or online at [www.disability.govt.nz/disability](http://www.disability.govt.nz/disability) under contact details (DIAS).

For more information on Disability Support Services, and the services we fund go to [www.moh.govt.nz/disability](http://www.moh.govt.nz/disability), email [disability@moh.govt.nz](mailto:disability@moh.govt.nz), or call 0800 DSD MOH (373 664).

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