

Maximum Contribution Applying in Each Territorial Local Authority Region From 22 March 2006

Under section 152 of the Social Security Act 1964, the Director-General of Health is required to notify the maximum contribution that applies in each region.

The maximum contribution is the maximum weekly amount (inclusive of G.S.T.) that a resident assessed as requiring long-term residential care is required to pay for contracted care services provided to them in the region in which their rest home or continuing care hospital is located.

Contracted care services are services provided to needs assessed people in a rest home or continuing care hospital that has a contract with a District Health Board ("DHB"). The services are those provided and paid for in accordance with the agreement between the DHB and the residential care provider.

The agreement covers:

- residents who are eligible for the residential care subsidy (as determined through a financial means assessment under section 141 of the Act); and
- needs assessed persons who are entitled to have funding paid on their behalf (under section 140) to cover the difference between the maximum contribution and the cost of contracted care services provided to them.

The maximum contribution is the same for all residents regardless of the type of contracted care services they receive.

The maximum contribution set by this *New Zealand Gazette* notice applies from 22 March 2006 and replaces the previous maximum contribution notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 23 June 2005, No 94, page 2253.

It is equivalent to the most recent, nationally agreed rest home contract price applying to residential care facilities in each territorial local authority region.

The maximum contribution is set at \$636.00 per week (G.S.T. inclusive) for any region where the rest home contract price is lower than \$636.00.

The maximum contribution will change only when a new maximum contribution is gazetted.

New maximum contributions will reflect changes to rest home contract prices that usually result from the annual review of the residential care contract between DHBs and residential care providers.

Region: Territorial Local Authority	District Health Board	Maximum Contribution Weekly (G.S.T. inclusive)
Far North District	Northland	\$640.94
Whangarei District	Northland	\$657.92
Kaipara District	Northland	\$640.94
Rodney District	Waitemata	\$677.13
North Shore City	Waitemata	\$698.43
Waitakere City	Waitemata	\$681.46
Auckland City	Auckland	\$701.21
Manukau City	Counties Manukau	\$692.72
Papakura District	Counties Manukau	\$677.13
Franklin District	Counties Manukau	\$655.91
Thames-Coromandel District	Waikato	\$643.79
Hauraki District	Waikato	\$643.79
Waikato District	Waikato	\$643.79
Matamata-Piako District	Waikato	\$643.79
Hamilton City	Waikato	\$663.63
Waipa District	Waikato	\$643.79
Otorohanga District	Waikato	\$638.08
South Waikato District	Waikato	\$638.08
Waitomo District	Waikato	\$641.02
Ruapehu District (part in Waikato)	Waikato	\$641.02
Western Bay of Plenty	Bay of Plenty	\$655.91
Tauranga District	Bay of Plenty	\$667.80
Whakatane District	Bay of Plenty	\$652.28
Kawerau District	Bay of Plenty	\$640.94
Opotiki District	Bay of Plenty	\$640.94
Taupo District	Lakes	\$657.92
Rotorua District	Lakes	\$657.91
Gisborne District	Tairāwhiti	\$642.33
Wairoa	Hawkes Bay	\$655.10
Hastings District	Hawkes Bay	\$655.10

Napier City	Hawkes Bay	\$655.10
Central Hawkes Bay District	Hawkes Bay	\$640.97
New Plymouth District	Taranaki	\$655.10
Stratford District	Taranaki	\$640.97
South Taranaki District	Taranaki	\$643.78
Ruapehu District (part in Whanganui)	Whanganui	\$641.02
Wanganui District	Whanganui	\$643.78
Rangitikei District	Whanganui	\$640.97
Manawatu District	MidCentral	\$640.97
Palmerston North City	MidCentral	\$652.29
Tararua District	MidCentral	\$640.97
Horowhenua District	MidCentral	\$640.94
Kapiti Coast District	MidCentral	\$640.97
Kapiti Coast District	Capital & Coast	\$640.97
Porirua City	Capital & Coast	\$657.92
Wellington City	Capital & Coast	\$681.76
Upper Hutt City	Hutt Valley	\$652.28
Lower Hutt City	Hutt Valley	\$669.03
Masterton District	Wairarapa	\$642.34
Carterton District	Wairarapa	\$640.97
South Wairarapa	Wairarapa	\$640.97
Tasman District	Nelson Marlborough	\$672.12
Nelson City	Nelson Marlborough	\$672.11
Marlborough District	Nelson Marlborough	\$652.29
Buller District	West Coast	\$638.08
Grey District	West Coast	\$638.08
Westland District	West Coast	\$638.08
Kaikoura District	Canterbury	\$655.90
Hurunui District	Canterbury	\$643.78
Waimakariri District	Canterbury	\$655.90
Christchurch City	Canterbury	\$660.80
Banks Peninsula District	Canterbury	\$655.10
Selwyn District	Canterbury	\$655.90
Ashburton District	Canterbury	\$646.59
Timaru District	South Canterbury	\$643.78
Mackenzie	South Canterbury	\$638.08
Waimate District	South Canterbury	\$638.08
Dunedin City	Otago	\$652.28
Clutha District	Otago	\$638.08
Waitaki District	Otago	\$638.08
Central Otago District	Otago	\$640.94
Queenstown-Lakes District	Otago	\$669.30
Queenstown-Lakes District	Southland	\$669.30
Southland District	Southland	\$638.08
Gore District	Southland	\$638.08
Invercargill City	Southland	\$640.97

Copies of the maximum contribution amounts and other information about income and asset testing can be found on the Ministry of Health web site at:

<http://www.moh.govt.nz/assettesting>

Needs assessment and service co-ordination agencies, the Residential Care Subsidy Unit of the Ministry of Social Development and residential care providers will also be able to advise the maximum contributions applying in each region.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of February 2006.

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