

Equipment and Modifications to Housing and Vehicles

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Information for disabled people waiting for equipment or modifications to be provided by the Ministry of Health

Your Specialised Assessor has applied for either equipment or modifications to your home or vehicle for you or a member of your family or whānau.

The Ministry of Health provides a large amount of funding for equipment and modifications to support disabled people of all ages. Unfortunately, because of the high demand for this type of support, you will have to wait for it to be provided.

The amount of money that is available for health and disability services is limited. This means that decisions on what services to fund must be made. At the moment, Enable New Zealand, the organisation which looks after equipment and modifications for the Ministry of Health, is making sure that the people who need the supports most urgently are able to get these as quickly as possible.

Whenever possible, equipment which has been cleaned and checked after use by another person will be supplied to meet your needs. This is a good system that keeps costs down and means that many people do not have to wait as long as they would for new equipment items.

Enable New Zealand don't know how long it will take for you to get the equipment or modifications that you need. It is therefore important that you talk with the people who support you to make sure that you can manage until the equipment or modifications can be provided.

If you are worried about your safety, or the safety of a member of your family or whānau because you have not got the support you need, please contact your Specialised Assessor to talk to them about this.

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