

New section 88 Hearing Aid Services Notice scheduled for 1 August 2018

2 May 2018

The Section 88 Hearing Aid Services Notice sets out the requirements audiology providers must adhere to when accessing funding under the Hearing Aid Subsidy Scheme or the Hearing Aid Funding Scheme.

The Notice has been reviewed and the new Notice will come into force on **1 August 2018**.

The New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 requires the Ministry to give you 12 weeks notification period of the Notice.

Changes to the Notice include: updated terminology and definitions to reflect current best practice and minor procedural improvements.

The Notice was updated in consultation with representatives from key sector groups, including the New Zealand Audiological Society, Independent Audiologists New Zealand and the New Zealand Hearing Industry Association Board.

The Notice applies to audiology providers in both the private sector and the District Health Boards who provide hearing aid services for hearing impaired people who are eligible for Ministry of Health funded support.

A copy of the Notice will be available on the Ministry of Health website in August.

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