

Disability Allowance

Source: <http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/a-z-benefits/disability-allowance.html>

Disability Allowance is a weekly payment for people who have regular, ongoing costs because of a disability, such as visits to the doctor or hospital, medicines, extra clothing or travel.

Who can get it

You may get a Disability Allowance if you:

- have a disability that is likely to last at least six months
- have regular, ongoing costs because of your disability which are not fully covered by another agency
- are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- normally live in New Zealand and intend to stay here.

It also depends on how much you and your spouse or partner earn.

How much you can get

This depends on your circumstances.

The maximum Disability Allowance rate at 1 April 2009 is \$55.88. This is a weekly, non-taxable, rate.