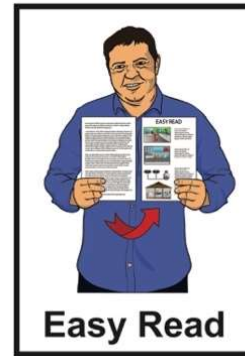




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Support for tertiary education learners who are disabled, neurodiverse or need learning support



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study and training
**if you need learning
support**



About this document



This Easy Read document is about what educational support is available for people who:



- are disabled
- are **neurodiverse**



- need extra learning support for any reason.



Neurodiverse people have brains that work in different ways.

They may have conditions like:

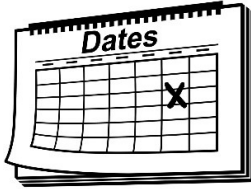


- Autism
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder / ADHD.



There is a lot of support available:

- when you are studying / training
- for as long as you are studying / training.



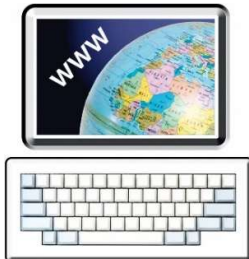
Working with your school



When you turn 14 years old your school should be assisting you in making a plan.



The plan will show how the school will help you with your extra learning needs.



More information on how your school can help you is available on the:

- Ministry of Education **website:**

<https://tinyurl.com/yvjmbj9b>



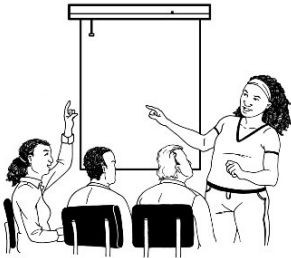
- CCS Disability Action **website:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4dzs627c>

Choosing an education provider



It is important to choose an education provider that understand / supports your learning needs if you want to do:



- **tertiary** study
- training.



Tertiary study / education is education that is done after school like in:

- universities
- polytechnics.



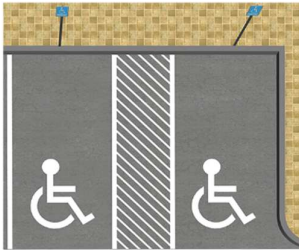
You can contact the student support team at your education provider to talk about what kind of support you need.



Most education providers have staff have support services for students who have:

- sensory needs like being blind
- learning needs
- mental health conditions
- medical conditions
- physical disabilities like needing a wheelchair
- injuries.





These support services may include:

- giving you advice
- free accessible **software**
- space for studying / meetings
- assisting with access around:
 - the place you are learning
 - parking
- sign language interpreters
- providing information in different formats for you like Easy Read
- letting you borrow **equipment**.

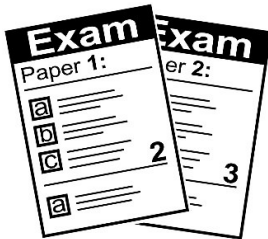
Software is a program that runs on your computer.

Equipment is the things needed to do something like a computer.



These support services may include people to support you in:

- the library
- laboratories which are the places you do science
- field work – work you do outside of campus
- taking notes.



These support services may include people to support you with doing:

- exams / tests
- **assignments** which are different ways of seeing how much you have learnt.



Work based learning

If you have learning support needs you can still:



- have an **apprenticeship**
- do a **traineeship**
- learn while working in other ways.



An **apprenticeship** is when you:

- learn a trade like building while you work
- get paid for the work.



A **traineeship** is another way of learning while you work.

Traineeships are shorter than apprenticeships.



Some examples of people with learning support needs working in Aotearoa New Zealand are:

- Deaf people working as:
 - builders
 - truck drivers
- people with dyslexia working as:
 - chefs
 - hairdressers
- farmers using quad bikes.



Useful links



Below are some website links to useful information.



This information at these website links is not in Easy Read.

You can ask someone you know for support to understand the information at these website links.



1. Information about how to pay for your study / training is available on the Careers **website** here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4u3w683v>



2. Information about disability support in school is available on the Ministry of Education **website** here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2558hd7z>



3. Information about study / training options is available on the Careers **website** here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2z7bnjz9>



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