



Special Needs Education Grant – POLICY

Eligibility and Disability Criteria

The Special Needs Education Grant supports registered members with disabilities who are enrolled at a registered learning establishment in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

This grant is intended to support education-related needs only. This grant does not fund general medical treatment or health care costs unrelated to education.

Required Documentation

Applicants must provide the following documentation:

1. Confirmation of enrolment letter from a registered learning establishment
2. A letter from a doctor or specialist confirming the disability.
3. Verified copy of bank accounts details.

The Trust reserves the right to request additional information where required to support application.

Disabilities Supported

This grant may support learners with the following medical diagnosed disabilities, where the condition significantly affects learning or educational participation:

- **Neurodevelopmental disabilities**, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ADHD, Global Developmental Delay, Dyspraxia, and FASD
- **Learning and cognitive disabilities**, including intellectual disability and diagnosed specific learning disorders (e.g. dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia)
- **Medical or neurological conditions** that impact learning, attendance, or participation (e.g. epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, long-term neurological conditions)
- **Speech and communication disorders**, including severe speech or language disorders where learning is affected
- **Mental health conditions**, where clinically diagnosed and confirmed as having a significant impact on education
- **Physical disabilities** (including cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, and other long-term mobility or physical impairments)



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- **Sensory disabilities** (including diagnosed hearing impairment or deafness, visual impairment or blindness, and dual sensory impairment)

Conditions Not Normally Supported by This Grant

The following are not normally supported under this grant, unless there is clear medical evidence demonstrating a significant and ongoing impact on learning or educational participation:

- Routine vision correction (e.g. glasses)
- Dental treatment (e.g. fillings, orthodontics)
- Mild or temporary health conditions
- Learning or behavioral challenges without medical diagnosis
- Diabetes (Type 1 or Type 2), as it is classified as a medical condition and not a disability for the purposes of this grant.