



The National Post-Secondary Education Disability Network, NZ, Inc.

Kia Ōrite

Achieving Equity

**New Zealand Code of Practice for an
Inclusive Tertiary Education Environment
for Students with Impairments**

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Networks to Assist Implementation

We have developed a list of key networks in the disability and wider community who may be able to assist your organisation with the implementation of *Kia Ōrite Achieving Equity*. You may wish to approach these networks to be part of an advisory committee to coordinate the process or use them for advice and support about issues relating to a specific activity.

1. Agencies providing support funding for students with impairments:

(a) Enable New Zealand:

Offers funding for impairment-related costs associated with education and employment (eg. equipment) for people with congenital impairments or illness.

- For enquiries about funding contact: 0800 17 1995 or funding@enable.co.nz
- For information about equipment, services or support contact 0800 17 1981 or info@enable.co.nz

(b) ACC (Accident Compensation Corporation):

Offers funding for impairment-related costs associated with education and employment (eg. equipment, support), for people who acquired their impairments through an accident.

- For more information contact your local office of ACC or info@acc.org.nz

(c) Workbridge:

An employment agency for people with impairments with offices throughout New Zealand. Workbridge Placement Co-ordinators provide employment placement, support and referrals to training for people with impairments. They also provide assistance with recruitment, advice about equipment and other support strategies.

Workbridge funding includes:

- Job Support Funding for impairment-related costs associated with work (eg. equipment, support), not funded by ACC or Enable NZ.
- Training Support Funding for impairment-related costs associated with training (eg. equipment, support), not funded by ACC or Enable NZ.
- For more information contact your local office of Workbridge, 0508 858 858 or <http://www.workbridge.co.nz>

2. Your local Disability Information Service:

These services are found throughout the country and are a wonderful resource for finding out about equipment options, other support strategies and disability support networks that can provide you with advice and support. The specific service in each area may vary slightly, but most offer a wide range of information resources and some equipment. Many are part of a national network of information services and some produce a service directory of health and disability support services for the region.

- (a) For a link to all Disability Information Services contact the:

New Zealand Federation of Disability Information Centres
P O Box 528
Whakatane
<http://www.everybody.co.nz/support/disability.html>

- (b) For a link to other services in the disability community contact <http://www.weka.net.nz>

3. DPA (Disabled Persons Assembly):

An advocacy and information service on matters relating to people with impairments. DPA has a good overview of the wider disability sector and provides advice to government and the public sector. As well as a National Office, DPA has regional assemblies in some areas. The National Office has a consultancy service of disability expertise. This is a useful resource for identifying people who can provide advice and support on training, equipment and other support strategies.

- For further information contact the National Office of DPA – (04) 801 9100, (04) 801 9565 (fax) or gen@dpa.org.nz

4. Other Self Advocacy Organisations:

- (a) Self advocacy organisation for people with intellectual impairments:

People First National Office
PO Box 9199
Marion Square
Wellington

- (b) A national organisation of, and for, blind citizens of New Zealand:

Association of Blind Citizens of New Zealand Inc
PO Box 7144
Wellington South
<http://www.abcnz.org.nz>

- (c) Other groups:

Ripple Trust
PO Box 112199
Penrose
Auckland
<http://www.ripple.org.nz>

5. Disability Support Services within Post Secondary Education:

Most universities, polytechnics, college of education and some wananga now have specific disability support services. These staff often have specific responsibility for coordinating support strategies for students with impairments. They also provide advice and support to other staff working with these students. To find out more about these services contact the person responsible for the management of each service in your local area.

6. Disability sector agencies providing supported employment services:

There are a range of organisations providing these services for people with impairments. Some work with groups of people with specific impairments, while others work across the disability community.

- For further information about supported employment services contact:

Executive Officer
Association for Supported Employment in NZ (ASENZ)
PO Box 11692
Wellington
<http://www.asenz.org.nz>

Mainstream Supported Employment Programme
State Services Commission
PO Box 329
Wellington
<http://www.ssc.govt.nz/mainstream>

7. Other Useful Contacts:

- (a) New Zealand Office for Disability Issues:
(04)916 3300, (04)918 0075 (fax), <http://www.odi.govt.nz>, info@odi.govt.nz
- (b) New Zealand Disability Strategy:
<http://www.odi.govt.nz/nzds/index.html>
- (c) Statistics New Zealand - 2001 New Zealand Disability Survey:
<http://www.stats.govt.nz>
- (d) Human Rights Commission:
0800 496 877, <http://www.hrc.co.nz>
- (e) Health and Disability Commissioner:
0800 11 22 33, <http://www.hdc.org.nz>
- (f) Health and Disability Consumer Advocacy Service:
Free, independent and confidential advocacy for people with impairments and their families with a problem about a health and disability service.
0800 11 22 33, <http://www.hdc.org.nz>

- (g) Privacy Commissioner:
0800 803 909, <http://www.privacy.org.nz>
- (h) New Zealand EEO Trust
PO Box 12929,
Penrose,
Auckland
<http://www.eeotrust.org.nz>
- (i) Physical Access Audits:

Executive Director
Barrier Free NZ Trust
PO Box 7227
Wellington
office@barrierfreenz.org.nz

Wrightson Associates
[wrightson@clear.net.nz](http://www.wrightson@clear.net.nz)
- (j) Accessible websites and information:
International accessibility guidelines exist for websites and other information. Contact
- <http://www.cast.org/bobby/>
<http://www.w3.org/>
 - Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind.
Private Bag 99941
Newmarket,
Auckland
<http://www.rnzfb.org.nz>
 - Robyn Hunt
AccEase
Level 1
12 Criterion Lane
P.O. Box 40 670
Upper Hutt
<http://www.accease.com>
- (k) The Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training:
- This includes some valuable teaching and learning resources and solutions for students with a range of impairments.
 - These can be found on <http://www.adcet.edu.au>
- (l) Statement of Universal Instructional Design Principles:
- The University of Guelph provides detailed discussion about these principles on its website - <http://www.tss.uoguelph.ca/uid/uidprinciples.html>

- (m) ACHIEVE - The National Post-Secondary Education Disability Network, NZ, Inc.
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- (n) Skill: National Bureau for Students With Disabilities:
- Skill promotes opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of impairment in post-secondary education, training and employment across the United Kingdom.
 - The Skill website includes information about the Bureau, training, publications and other resources. Skill can be contacted at:

Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities
Head Office:
Chapter House
18-20 Crucifix Lane
London SE1 3JW
<http://www.skill.org.uk/>

- (o) AHEAD: Association on Higher Education and Disability:
- AHEAD is a professional association in the United States committed to full participation of people with impairments in post secondary education.
 - The AHEAD website includes information about the association, training, publications and resources. AHEAD can be contacted at:

AHEAD,
PO Box 540666
Waltham
MA 02454 USA
<http://www.ahead.org/>