

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

"A brilliant course, it should be rolled out as compulsory PD in schools."

"This course has been very practical. The modules were separated into specific topics & were easy to follow. The strategies & examples were realistic & could be transferred across the board to not only support children with autism but all students in a class. I found that if there were any confusions with the course material then the zoom meetings provided clarity along with further examples, advice & humour."

"I loved the zoom meetings. The presenters were knowledgeable & practical with their suggestions & advice. They were non-judgmental & able to extend our understanding with real life examples & tips."

"I found the modules easy to access & the videos to support each module were amazingly recent with practical ideas that backed up the readings & research."

"I would recommend this course to every educator!!"

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**Free Teacher
Aide PLD**

FREE TEACHER AIDE PLD

Autism New Zealand is pleased to announce that we are offering a new professional development programme that can be applied for through this pilot fund 'Tilting the Seesaw for Teacher Aides'.

Teacher aides can apply for professional learning that supports the development of their skills and knowledge in a way that contributes to the vision of their school or kura and the learning needs of students and ākonga.

[Click here](#) for further information on the Ministry of Education website.

WHAT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FUND WILL COVER

The teacher aide PLD pilot fund is open to all teacher aides employed in state and state-integrated schools.

The fund will pay for the course fees and the teacher aide wages during the time you attend the PLD course.



TILTING THE SEESAW FOR TEACHER AIDES

Autism New Zealand is listed by NZEI Te Riu Roa as a Teacher Aide PLD supplier.

Tilting the Seesaw for Teacher Aides provides practical strength-based strategies which support inclusion.

- The programme is made up of six online modules which can be worked through at a self-directed pace.
- Each module contains reading material, videos to watch, activities and practical strategies to take straight back to the classroom.
- Each module requires 1 - 2 hours per week to complete.
- Includes weekly group Zoom meetings with an Autism New Zealand coach to discuss the module and its application to individual needs.
- The strategies help foster student's independence, self-esteem, social understanding, self-management and their ability to interact with others.
- The programme fee is \$500 per person.
- On completing the programme, participants will receive an Autism New Zealand Tilting the Seesaw for Teacher Aides certificate.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Agree with your supervisor on what professional learning you wish to undertake and seek approval to apply.
2. Fill in the application form, either online or using the downloadable Word document. [Click here](#) for the Draft Application Form to help you complete the application.
3. The Ministry of Education receives and processes the application.
4. When your application is approved you and your principal or tumuaki will receive notification of the approval. Principals and tumuaki are asked to contact the Ministry if they do not endorse the original application.
5. Once the Ministry of Education approves your application, you can arrange the Autism New Zealand PLD by contacting training@autismnz.org.nz.
6. Your school or kura sends an invoice to the Ministry for course costs, attendance time, travel and accommodation after the PLD is complete.