

## **Employment Service in Schools (Auckland)**

The Autism New Zealand Employment Service in Schools is for young people aged 14-21 who are autistic.

**The aims of the Service are to work with these young people in their final two years of school to:**

- Promote employment or employment related training as their best options when they leave school
- Develop employment focused transition planning
- Develop work confidence through work experience and paid part time work outside school hours
- Support autistic students to gain sustainable, paid employment or seek training that will help them achieve their employment related goals.
- Support employers to overcome barriers to employing autistic people

**This will be achieved through the provision of:**

- Employment-related skills
- Acknowledgment of different pathways post-secondary school
- Placement into open and inclusive employment
- Providing any required pre and postplacement support aligned with the student's transition and employment plan.
- Providing students with In-Work Support to assist with transition challenges, career development, and work-place issues

## **Goals and Outcomes of the Services**

To support autistic people to achieve their employment goals as they progress out of compulsory schooling by providing:

- Career/employment pathway support
- Preparation for employment
- Employment placements, including work experience and out of school jobs
- Employment support for up to 12 months whilst the student remains in school

## **Target Group and Eligibility Criteria**

People eligible to participate in the Service will:

- be currently living in New Zealand; and
- be a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident; and
- be aged between 14 and 21 years inclusive (on enrolment); and
- have a diagnosis of Autism that presents a barrier to employment; and
- be enrolled in a Secondary School in New Zealand and be planning to leave school within two years of engaging with the service.

## **Exceptions to the eligibility criteria**

A person will not be eligible for the Service:

- If they qualify for support to transition from school that is funded by the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).
- If they are currently accessing Ministry of Social Development (MSD) funded Transition Services.

## **To apply**

Students will self-refer to the Service. Please note this is a pilot programme in Auckland and there are only 6 schools that have been selected that we can work with.

**Further Information**

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