

Employment Support Program (Auckland and Wellington)

Aims of the Service

Managed by an experienced staff member who understands the challenges and opportunities autism can present. The service focuses on pre-employment coaching and in-work support for the employee and the employer. It is specifically designed to provide the time and support needed to find employment that is suitable, meaningful and long-term, allowing opportunities for further development.

The employment service includes:

- Identification of realistic career options
- Creation of a step-by-step plan to gain employment
- Creation of a targeted CV and cover letters
- Practical job search skills
- Assistance in making the first approach to employers
- Interview practice and interview support
- Job-coaching
- Autism awareness training for employers of participants in the service
- In work support for those already in the workplace who may be having difficulties in their job.

Goals and Outcomes of the Service

- Preparation for employment
- Employment placement
- Continuous employment support for up to 12 months
- In-work support after 12 months, if required

Target Group and Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this service, job seekers should:

- Have an autism diagnosis
- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- Be aged between 16-64
- Have a WINZ client number
- Be willing to work a minimum of 5 hours per week in a mainstream workplace.

Exceptions to the eligibility criteria

- They are enrolled with another supported employment provider
- They qualify for vocational rehabilitation from ACC
- They are still enrolled at school

To Apply

People will self-refer to the service. The service is currently running in Auckland and Wellington.

Further Information

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