

Transition from School Service (Auckland)

Aims of the Service

To contribute towards autistic people having a good life, in everyday places, as others do at similar stages of life.

This will be achieved by:

1. Enabling the uninterrupted movement of students in their last year of school into post-school education, employment and/or community services and activities and
2. Ensuring that there is a co-ordinated plan implemented to assist the student with achieving their transitional goals.

The Service will also play a role in helping to build:

- Inclusive and welcoming communities and mainstream services
- Employer's confidence in employing autistic people

Goals and Outcomes of the Service

- To promote autistic people having a choice and control over their support/services
- Giving autistic people and their families greater choice and control over their supports and lives
- To assist autistic people into paid or self-employment on an equal basis with others
- Observing the rights of autistic people to live independently and be included in the community

Target Group and Eligibility Criteria

People eligible to participate in the Service will:

- Be currently living in New Zealand
- Be a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident
- Be aged between 16 and 21 years inclusive
- Be funded by the On-going Resource Scheme (ORS)
- Be in their final year of school
- Have a diagnosis of autism that presents a barrier to participation and inclusion.

Exceptions to the eligibility criteria

When a person qualifies for support to transition from school (vocational or social rehabilitation) that is funded by the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)

To apply

Students will self-refer to the service. The service is currently running in Auckland, with expressions of interest being taken for Wellington.

Further Information

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