



1 May 2023

Tēnā koe

On 6 April 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"...Does anyone need to be a permanent resident to get the below benefits? I hold a resident class visa since July 2023, but I am living and paying taxes in New Zealand for last 15 years. am I still not eligible for the below benefits depending on my circumstances after holding a residence class visa?"

- 1. Accommodation supplement*
- 2. Disability Allowance*
- 3. Supported living payment."*

Information regarding how to qualify for financial assistance provided by the Ministry can be found on the Work and Income Website. In the spirit of being helpful, information on the qualifications of the relevant assistance you have requested information on, can be found below.

Accommodation Supplement: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/accommodation-supplement/qualifications.html

Disability Allowance: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/disability-allowance/qualifications.html

Supported Living Payment: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/main-benefits/supported-living-payment/qualifications.html

If you would like to discuss your situation or require further advice and support, you can contact Work and Income at 0800 559 009 to discuss your circumstances. Work and Income will assess your circumstances and work with you to determine if you may be eligible for financial assistance.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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