



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Tēnā koe

On 21 September 2023, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Thank you for providing these data despite the challenges!

We had a look at the data provided and have some questions we hope you may be able to answer (or please point us to someone who can).

Our work focuses on people living with diabetes, and cardiovascular, respiratory and renal diseases. While it is clear which incapacity group those with cardiovascular diseases fall under with both SLP and JS-HCD, it is not clear which incapacity group the other 3 conditions sit under. Is there a technical document or someone we can talk to to understand how conditions are categorised into these incapacity groupings, please?

Incapacity group Jobseeker Support

- *Psychological or psychiatric conditions*
- *Accidents*
- *Musculo-skeletal system disorders*
- *Cardio-vascular disorders*
- *Pregnancy-related conditions*
- *Other disorders and conditions*

Incapacity group Supported Living Payment

- *Psychological or psychiatric conditions*
- *Intellectual disability*
- *Musculo-skeletal system disorders*
- *Nervous system disorders*
- *Cardio-vascular disorders*
- *Accidents*
- *Cancer and congenital conditions*

Appendix One containing **Table One** shows the breakdown incapacities on Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability, by incapacity group and incapacities.

You will note that:

1. Diabetes is named in incapacity group 6, 'Other disorders and conditions'
2. Respiratory disorders are included in incapacity group 6, 'Other disorders and conditions'
3. Renal disease is in incapacity group 6 'Other disorders and conditions', and would be classified as either 'other metabolic & endocrine' or in 'unspecified', depending on the particularities of disease.

Appendix One containing **Table Two** shows the breakdown incapacities on Supported Living Payment benefit by incapacity group and incapacities.

You will note that:

1. Diabetes is named in incapacity group 8, 'Other disorders and conditions'
2. Respiratory disorders are included in incapacity group 8, 'Other disorders and conditions'
3. Renal disease is not named but would be categorised in incapacity group 8, 'Other disorders and conditions', either as 'other metabolic & endocrine' or as 'unspecified', depending on the particularities of disease.

Incapacity reasons are provided to the Ministry by medical practitioners to give an in-depth understanding of a client's health condition and the likely impact the condition may have on their ability to work. Medical practitioners provide this information using either READ codes or SNOMED coding.

READ codes are a classification standard for coding diagnoses. A full READ code list is publicly available on the Accident Compensation Corporation website: www.acc.co.nz/for-providers/lodging-claims/read-codes/

SNOMED is a comprehensive system of clinical terminology used around the world and as a standard for quality information in the New Zealand health and disability system. More information about SNOMED coding is available on the Ministry of Health website: www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/classification-and-terminology/new-zealand-snomed-ct-national-release-centre/snomed-ct

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 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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Appendix 1

Table 1: The breakdown incapacities on Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability, by incapacity group and incapacities

Incapacity Group	Incapacity Condition
1. Psychological or psychiatric conditions	Bipolar disorder
	Depression
	Other psychiatric/psychological
	Schizophrenia
	Stress
2. Musculo-skeletal system disorders	Musculo-skeletal sys. disorder
3. Accidents	Back pain/injury
	Burns
	Dislocations, sprains, strains
	Effects of poison, injury etc
	Fractures, soft tissue injury
	Head & internal injuries
	Injury to nervous system
	Internal injuries
	Medical complications
	Other injury
	Overuse injury [rsi]
	Poisoning, toxic effects
4. Cardio-vascular disorders	Heart disease
	Other cardiovascular cond
	Stroke
5. Pregnancy-related conditions	Complications of pregnancy
	Pregnancy
6. Other disorders and conditions	Alcohol
	Blindness
	Blood and blood forming organs
	Cancer
	Circulatory system diseases
	Complications of trauma
	Congenital conditions
	Designated Health Practitioner review, no med entitlement
	Diabetes
	Digestive system disorders
	Drugs

Incapacity Group	Incapacity Condition
6. Other disorders and conditions cont.	Entry of foreign bodies
	Epilepsy
	Genito-urinary disorders
	HIV/AIDS
	Hearing/ear
	Ill defined conditions
	Infectious/Parasitic diseases
	Injuries and trauma
	Intellectual disability
	Multiple sclerosis
	Muscular dystrophy
	Other immune system disorders
	Other metabolic & endocrine
	Other nervous system disorders
	Other sensory disorders
	Other substance abuse
	Other visual/eye(partial blindness)
	Parkinson's disease
	Respiratory disorders
	Ricketts & arthropod diseases
Skin disorders	
Unspecified	

Notes

Incapacity group is based on the high-level incapacity code stored in the Ministry of Social Developments source systems.

Table 2: The breakdown incapacities on Supported Living Payment benefit by incapacity group and incapacities

Incapacity Group	Incapacity Condition
1. Psychological or psychiatric conditions	Bipolar disorder
	Depression
	Other psychiatric/psychological
	Schizophrenia
	Stress
2. Intellectual disability	Intellectual disability
3. Musculo-skeletal system disorders	Musculo-skeletal sys. disorder
4. Nervous system disorders	Epilepsy
	Multiple sclerosis
	Muscular dystrophy
	Other nervous system disorders
	Parkinson's disease
5. Cardio-vascular disorders	Heart disease
	Other cardiovascular cond
	Stroke
6. Accidents	Back pain/injury
	Burns
	Dislocations, sprains, strains
	Effects of poison, injury etc
	Fractures, soft tissue injury
	Head & internal injuries
	Injury to nervous system
	Internal injuries
	Medical complications
	Other injury
	Overuse injury [rsi]
	Poisoning, toxic effects
7. Cancer and congenital conditions	Cancer
	Congenital conditions
8. Other disorders and conditions	Alcohol
	Blindness
	Blood and blood forming organs
	Circulatory system diseases
	Complications of pregnancy
	Complications of trauma
	Designated Health Practitioner review, no med entitlement

Incapacity Group	Incapacity Condition
8. Other disorders and conditions cont.	Diabetes
	Digestive system disorders
	Drugs
	Entry of foreign bodies
	Epilepsy
	Genito-urinary disorders
	HIV/AIDS
	Hearing/ear
	Ill defined conditions
	Infectious/Parasitic diseases
	Injuries and trauma
	Intellectual disability
	Multiple sclerosis
	Muscular dystrophy
	Other immune system disorders
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