

Overview of Financial Assistance from MSD (Work and Income)

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Main Benefit Assistance		Supplementary Assistance	
*Income tested only **Income & asset tested ***Neither		*Income tested only **Income & asset tested ***Neither	
<p>Job Seeker Support - JSS * Paid while looking for work or unable to work due to health condition.</p> <p>Work obligations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full time, part time or • deferred for a period of time 	<p>Supported Living Payment - SLP *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe AND permanent incapacity for work >15 hours expected for at least the next two years or • Totally blind or • Caring for someone that would otherwise be in hospital, rest-home or residential care 	<p>Accommodation Supplement - link ** Assists with accommodation costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board • Rent • Mortgage <p>Up to a weekly maximum.</p>	<p>Disability Allowance - DA * Assists with on-going costs that are directly related to a disability.</p> <p>e.g.: GP fees, prescriptions, travel. Up to a weekly maximum. No age limit. Can be paid for multiple family members.</p>
<p>Sole Parent Support - SPS * For sole parents with youngest dependent child under 14 years of age.</p> <p>Work obligations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youngest <3 work preparation • Youngest >3 part time 	<p>Unsupported Child Benefit and Orphans Benefit – link *** Income support to the caregiver of a child 18 years or younger, whose parents can't care for them because of a family breakdown or where their parents have died, can't be found or have a long-term health condition or incapacity.</p>	<p>Child Disability Allowance – link *** Related solely to the level of care and attention a child requires.</p> <p>Must be significantly greater than another child of same age. Differs from Disability Allowance but can receive both if eligible Child: under 18 years unless financially independent.</p>	<p>Childcare Assistance - link * Assists with cost of childcare so caregivers can remain in employment or training.</p> <p>Can also assist with cost of childcare if parent/caregiver or child are seriously disabled or ill.</p>
<p>Young Parent Payment - YPP ** Young Parent Payment is for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 to 19 year old young people who • Have a dependent child or children <p>The young parent(s) must be in, or available for, full time education.</p>	<p>Youth Payment – YP * Youth Payment helps young people aged 16 or 17 who can't live with their parents or guardian and aren't supported by them or anyone else.</p>	<p>Temporary Additional Support – TAS ** Paid for 13 weeks as last resort to help when regular essential living costs cannot be met from income.</p> <p>Allowable costs are limited to employment, accommodation, health and essential household costs.</p>	<p>Winter Energy Payment – link * Additional payment made with a clients weekly benefit during winter to help with increase power costs.</p> <p>Rate depends on family make up (single, couple, children).</p>
<p>NZ Superannuation – Nzs Provides a retirement income for clients 65+ years of age that meet residency criteria. May be income tested in certain circumstances.</p>		<p>Working for Family tax credits - link * Income-tested tax credits for parents/caregivers. Tax Credits are administered by IRD but MSD can pay onbehalf of IRD to clients receiving a main benefit.</p>	

One-off Hardship Assistance		
<p>Help to meet an immediate need for an essential item or service you cannot afford to pay yourself. Income and asset tested.</p>		
<p>Special Needs Grant – link * e.g. Glasses, dental treatment. Moving costs like bond/rent in advance. Whiteware.</p>	<p>Recoverable Assistance Grant – link * Not available to people already on a benefit. Must be paid back.</p>	<p>Urgent or Unexpected Costs – link * Other financial support may be available for other costs e.g. Food, funeral expenses.</p>