

Opt In

Support to find work

Many disabled people and people with health conditions want to work, and want support to do this.

Opt In provides extra help to people who get Supported Living Payment and want to get a job, do some training, or study. It is aimed at people aged from 16 to 29 years and is being trialled in 22 centres around New Zealand.

Many disabled people and people with health conditions work, and enjoy the rewards it provides.

If you are interested in working, training or studying, talk to us to see if you are able to join *Opt In* or to find out about the other ways Work and Income can help you.

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If you decide to take part you will work closely with a Work and Income case manager who has experience in working with disabled people and people with health conditions looking for work.

You may already have a clear idea of what you would like to do and how to get there, or your case manager can assist with ideas on training, study or finding a job that will suit you. This could include looking at whether any special arrangements or equipment are needed.

You choose who else will be involved

You can decide who else you would like to be involved in helping you reach your work goals. It might be your family, a support person and others you work with.

We will work together so we know what you already have in place. We will also see if there are other organisations that could help you reach your goals.

Opt In and your benefit

Joining *Opt In* is your choice, and you can stop at any time. If you find work your case manager will talk about how this income may affect your benefit.

When you are getting Supported Living Payment you do not have to look for work. *Opt In* is completely voluntary and your benefit won't be affected if you decide not to join.

Turn over the page to see where *Opt In* is available.

Where is *Opt In* available?

Opt In is being trialled in 22 Work and Income service centres and Community Links:

Auckland region

Waitakere
Avondale
Tamaki
Mangere
Manurewa
Papakura

Wellington region

Porirua
Naenae

Christchurch

Riccarton
Linwood
Youth Shop

Hamilton

Five Cross Roads
Dinsdale
Glenview

Other North Island

Whangarei
Rotorua
Hastings
New Plymouth
Wairarapa

Other South Island

Nelson
Timaru
Dunedin Central

Opt In is only available at these offices because Work and Income is trialling it to understand more about how best to help people on Supported Living Payment that want to work.

Other help to find work

All Work and Income service centres are able to provide help to people on Supported Living Payment who would like to work.

There are also specialist employment support services available in many places that assist disabled people and people with health conditions to find suitable work.

Interested?

Contact us to make an appointment with a case manager if you would like to find out about *Opt In*, or the other ways we can help you find work.



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