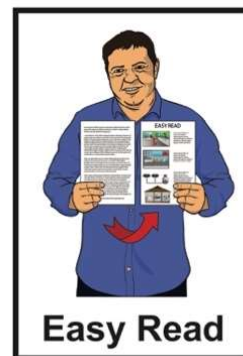




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Disability Support Services



Fact sheet – Funding freeze on residential care lifted on 1 July 2025



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About this factsheet



This Easy Read factsheet has information for:

- disabled people
- whānau / family of disabled people
- carers.



**Disability
Support Services**

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In this Easy Read factsheet Disability Service Services is also called **DSS** for short.

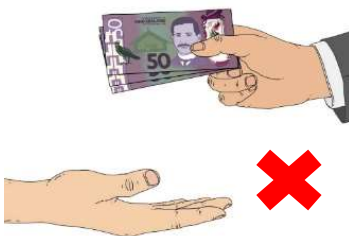


When you see the words
our / we / us in this factsheet it
means DSS.

This Easy Read factsheet is about
what lifting the **funding freeze** on
residential care means for:



- disabled people
- **NASC / EGL** sites
- **NASC / EGL budgets.**



Here **funding freeze** means the
amount of money DSS was using to
fund residential care was **paused**.

Paused means to stop something for
a short amount of time.



NASC means Needs Assessment
Service Coordination agency.

Enabling Good Lives



EGL is Enabling Good Lives.

Enabling Good Lives is about having:

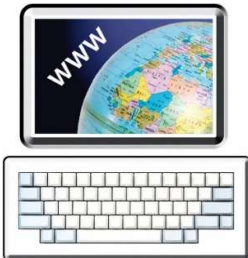
- choice and control in your life
- the support you need and want
- a good life.

Budget is the amount of money used
for something.

Information about the funding freeze



The funding freeze happened after the 2024 review of Disability Support Services.



More information about the review is available on the Disability Support website here:

tinyurl.com/szfhvmm9



The funding freeze did not affect the number of people who could access residential care.



Disabled people still:

- had access to residential care services
- left residential care services.

What lifting the funding freeze means for disabled people



Disabled people will not see any changes straight away.

Decisions about who can get residential care funding will still be made by:

- NASCs services
- EGL sites.





NASC / EGL site will also still make the decision:

- if someone can have DSS support
- about what kind of DSS support someone can have like:
 - going into residential care
 - support at home.



NASC / EGL sites will work to get access to support with:

- disabled people
- whānau of disabled people.



Contact your NASC / EGL site if you have any questions about your support / services.

What lifting the funding freeze means for NASC / EGL sites



NASC / EGL sites will still need to give:

- support
- services.



This will be for those who need them the most.



After the funding freeze is lifted
NASCs will be able to work with more:

- disabled people
- whānau / family of disabled people.



They will assist in finding the best options for people such as:

- community based support
- residential care.

Will there be changes to NASC / EGL budgets?



NASC / EGL site budgets will be confirmed after the Government puts out their Budget in May 2025.

More information



There is an Easy Read factsheet called:

Community Group Home Pricing Model on the DSS

You can find this factsheet on our website:

www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/cgh



This factsheet has information on the new way DSS will fund residential providers.



The factsheet is also available on the DSS website in alternate formats.



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