

# **Enable Funding**

**The applicant must meet one of the criteria listed below and hold a current Community Services Card. Otherwise all applicants can apply for an Enable Hearing Aid Subsidy of \$500.00 per hearing aid once every six years.**

## **Vocational/Tertiary Education**

Equipment is to enable a person to undertake a course of study.

- The course must be full time and at least a calendar or academic year.
- The content of the course must support the person working towards future employment.
- Written confirmation of the course must be provided including acceptance, start and finish dates and purpose of the course.
- If the person is unable to undertake a full time course due to the limitations of their disability funding approval may be considered if the person is studying at their maximum capacity.

## **Full Time Employment**

Equipment is to enable a person to undertake or seek paid employment

- Of at least **30 hours per week** or
- Achieve a degree of financial independence that is at least the same as they could earn on the sickness benefit.
- If the person is unable to work 30 hours due to the limitations of their disability funding approval may be considered if the person is working at their maximum capacity.

## **Seeking Employment**

- Must be registered for employment with Work and Income or Workbridge.

## **Self Employed**

- Verification of employment is required from an Accountant, Lawyer or Justice of the Peace, confirming hours of work.

## **Voluntary Work**

- Working a minimum of **20 hours per week** with a recognised community based voluntary, not for profit agency.
- Involved for a minimum of 8 weeks and intending to work in that role for at least 12 months.
- Confirmation must be provided with application

## **Main Carer of a Dependent Person**

- To enable a person to carry out their role as a primary carer (a copy of a birth certificate is needed for unpaid carers of dependent children below the age of 14 years).

## **Residential Care (people under 65 or who have a lifelong disability)**

- Who have an intellectual or physical disability, under 65 years of age or have a lifelong disability are eligible for equipment when they are living in a community home or residential care.