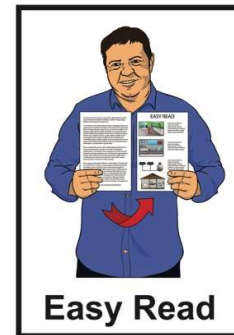




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Your guide to the new Ministry for Disabled People



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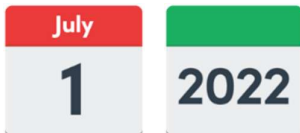
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What is the Ministry for Disabled People?



The new Ministry for Disabled People will start on 1 July 2022.



The **Ministry for Disabled People** is a new part of the government that will:

- make disability support services better for disabled people and their families / whānau
- use an **Enabling Good Lives** way of doing things
- work with other government agencies to better support disabled people.



Enabling Good Lives



Enabling Good Lives is a different way of thinking about disability support.

Enabling Good Lives is about having:

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

The new Ministry for Disabled People will:

- work to support the disability community
- work with the disability community
- work with Māori.



The name for the new Ministry for Disabled People has not yet been decided.

In this Easy Read document we will call it the **Ministry**.

Who the Ministry will be working with



The Ministry will be **working in partnership** with:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha / disabled Māori
- whānau / families of disabled people
- people who support disabled people.



Working in partnership means working together to:

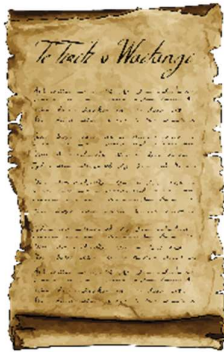
- share ideas
- find the best ways for things to work.



The Ministry will follow some **founding documents** as part of this working in partnership.



Founding documents are agreements that are very important to the way a government works.



The founding documents the Ministry will be following are:

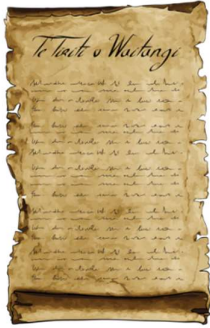
- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi**
- **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**



Enabling Good Lives

- **Enabling Good Lives**
- **Whānau Ora.**





Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi is a legal document that was signed in 1840.



Te Tiriti / The Treaty is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

- making decisions together
- protecting things that are important to Māori.



Following Te Tiriti / The Treaty means making sure that tāngata whaikaha / disabled Māori are fully involved including:



- tamariki / children
- rangatahi / young people
- whānau / families.





The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is a law lots of countries have agreed to.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is also called the **UNCRPD**.



It says what governments must do to make sure disabled people get the same rights as everybody else.

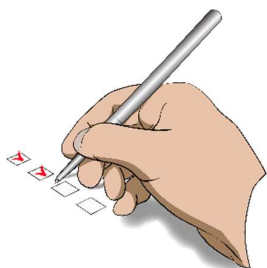


Whānau Ora is an agreement between different government agencies.



The agreement is about working together in ways that look after the wellbeing of whānau / families.

Two main responsibilities of the Ministry



The new Ministry will have two main **responsibilities**.



Responsibilities are the things that the Ministry must do.



The first responsibility is to be the leaders in teaching government departments how they can work with the disability community.



The government wants to make how they work with the disability community better for everyone.



The second responsibility is to have **person-directed support**.

Person-directed support is when a person with a disability makes their own choices about their care.

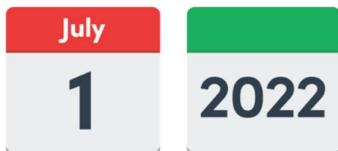


There needs to be person-directed support for:

- disabled adults
- tāngata whaikaha Māori / disabled Māori
- disabled tamariki / children
- disabled rangatahi / young people
- whānau / families of disabled people.



What will happen on day 1 of the new Ministry?



The new Ministry for Disabled People will start on 1 July 2022.



On day 1 the Ministry will take over some work from the:

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Social Development.



The Ministry will have its own **Chief Executive**.

The **Chief Executive** is the person who oversees the work of the Ministry.



The Chief Executive will make decisions about the date for the new work at the Ministry.



The Ministry will have everything that it needs to carry out the day to day work.

While the Ministry gets itself set up it will be supported by:



- the Ministry of Social Development
- **Health New Zealand.**



Health New Zealand is the new health system that also starts from 1 July 2022.

What will happen to disability support services?



The Ministry will take over running disability support services.



Some examples of disability support services are:

- supported living
- respite services
- home support
- community residential support
- individualised funding
- carer support.





The disability support services that people already get will not change.

People will still be able to:

- make complaints to the Ministry about their disability support services
- tell the Ministry what is working well.



The Ministry will also look at what support disabled people need because of COVID-19.

Enabling Good Lives

Enabling Good Lives

Enabling Good Lives services will be part of the Ministry.



Enabling Good Lives is part of the changes to how the disability system is run.

In this document Enabling Good Lives will also be called **EGL**.

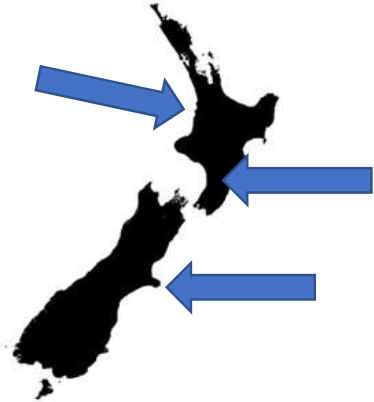


The Ministry will show groups how to make sure EGL is part of their services.

Enabling Good Lives

There are 3 places in Aotearoa New Zealand that EGL already happens.

These places are:



- Waikato
- Mid-Central
- Christchurch.



Services in these places will keep offering the same disability support.

The plan is to have EGL across all of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Person-directed support



The Ministry will change the disability system to be person-directed.



This work has already been started by the Ministry of Health.



The work from the Ministry of Health will be given to the Ministry on day 1.



The work from the Ministry of Health is things like:

- how person-directed support is working now
- what the disability community has said about how to make services better for everyone.



The new work the Ministry will be doing



There are **8 ideas** that will guide the work of the Ministry.



The 8 ideas are:

1. Partnering
2. Voice
3. Te Tiriti
4. Leadership / stewardship of disability across government
5. Enabling person-directed support
6. Performance and governance
7. Listening, insight and learning
8. Building capability and capacity.



1. Partnering



The Ministry will work in partnership with:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha Māori / disabled Māori
- whānau / families of disabled people
- Māori.



2. Voice



Listening to the voices of the disabled community by asking the disabled community what they think.

3. Te Tiriti

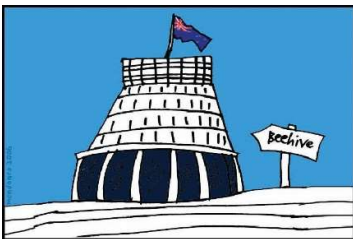


Using Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi to guide the work of the Ministry.

4. Leadership / stewardship of disability across government



Leadership / stewardship means to show others the way forward.



Leading with other government agencies in how they work with disability issues like:



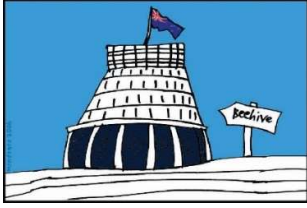
- **accessibility**
- making services better for everyone.



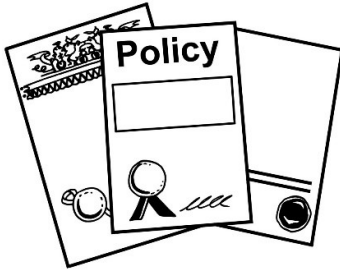
Accessibility can mean many different things for people.

Accessible means that disabled people can:

- get into / move around in buildings
- use services easily
- get around in their community
- understand what is being said
- get information in ways that they can understand.



The Ministry will also lead the government on **policy support**.



Policy support is when the Ministry guides the government on how to write new ways of working with disability issues like law changes.



The Ministry will lead the policy changes for:

- tāngata whaikaha Māori / disabled Māori
- whānau / families.





5. Enabling person-directed support

Having person-directed support by using the Enabling Good Lives model across all of Aotearoa New Zealand.

6. Performance and governance

Supporting the groups the Ministry is working in partnership with by:

- making sure they are doing the work they need to do
- supporting them to do their work.



7. Listening, insight and learning



Learning about disability by:

- looking closely at the things that need changing for disabled people to make things better
- looking at how Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi should be part of the work the Ministry does
- making sure things to do with disability are being done well
- getting some good information about disability.



8. Building capability and capacity



Capability means people knowing how things will work under the Ministry.



Capacity means being able to do the things the Ministry says it will do.

Building capability and capacity means:



- making sure the disability community are able to use the government support systems
- making sure that people who work for the Ministry are well supported in the work they do.



Where to find more information



You can find more information about the Ministry at this **website**:

www.whaikaha.govt.nz



You can also:

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