

Audiology Department

Adult Hearing Aid Service



CCDHB offers a high-quality adult hearing aid service to eligible adults. Due to high service demand and limited resources, access to this service has been restricted.

Adults who are eligible for our hearing aid service are 16 years of age or older, *do not* qualify for funding for hearing aids through ACC or Veteran's Affairs, and meet one of the following sets of criteria:

A. Have a documented permanent hearing loss *and* hold a current community services card.

Or

B. Meet one of the specific Ministry of Health Hearing Aid Funding Scheme eligibility criteria listed below:

1. Dual or Multiple Disabilities

The person has a significant intellectual, physical, or visual disability in addition to hearing loss which impacts negatively on their ability to communicate safely and effectively with others.

1.1 Intellectual Disability

Significantly below average general intelligence combined with significant problems with adaptive functioning. Intellectual disability does not include cognitive impairments such as memory problems; dementia; or mental disorders such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders.

1.2 Physical Disability

The person has a significant long-term physical disability that affects their ability to communicate effectively e.g. a stroke or Parkinson's disease where speech production has been affected.

1.3. Visual Disability

The person is a member of the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind and/or;
The person's corrected vision, with lenses, does not exceed 6/24 in the better eye, or;
The person has significant limitation in their residual visual field which is generally not greater than 20° in the widest diameter in their better eye.

2. Moderately-Severe Hearing Loss since Childhood

The person has a hearing loss which is moderately-severe or greater in the better hearing ear and has been using hearing aids since childhood.

Adults who do not meet the above eligibility criteria should seek assistance from a private audiology clinic. A list of private clinics is available on the CCDHB website:

<https://www.ccdhb.org.nz/our-services/a-to-z-of-our-services/audiology/>

We recommend members of the NZ Audiological Society (MNZAS).

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