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Expression of Interest Form: Do you want to join a Disability Strategy Working Group?



Questions

1. What do you think about it?

Good

Bad

Not sure

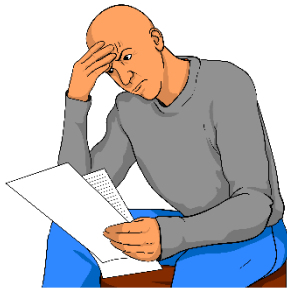


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Before you start



This is a long document.



It can be hard for some people to read a document this long.

Some things you can do to make it easier are:



- read it a few pages at a time
- set aside some quiet time to look at it
- have someone read it with you to support you to understand it.



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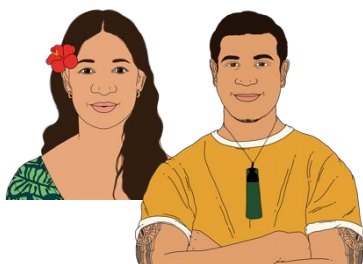


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About this Easy Read



This Easy Read document is an **expression of interest** form from the Ministry of Disabled People — Whaikaha.



Expression of interest means saying that you are interested in doing or taking part in something.



We call the Ministry of Disabled People — Whaikaha the **Ministry** for short in this document.

When you see the words **we / us** in this form it means the Ministry.



This year the Ministry is **updating** the New Zealand Disability **Strategy** 2016 to 2026.

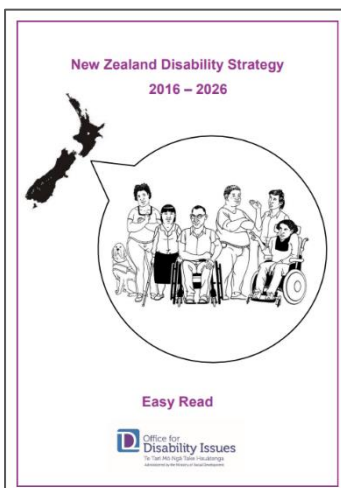


Updating means to look at something to see what needs to be done to make it better like:

- changing it
- adding something.



Here a **strategy** is a set of long term plans that are made to reach a goal.



You can find the Easy Read called the **New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026** at this website link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6me9br>



In this document we call the New Zealand Disability Strategy the Disability Strategy for short.



The Disability Strategy is an important document that guides the work government agencies do about things to do with disability.



We will make Working Groups to support the work to update the Disability Strategy.



Our Working Groups will have disabled people on them like:

- tāngata whaikaha Māori
- people from the Deaf community
- whānau / family of disabled people.





Members of our Working Groups should have experience in one of the main **outcome areas**.



Here an **outcome** is the work needed to reach a planned goal for a job.



Outcome areas:

- are the main areas of work the Disability Strategy will set out and
- will guide the government in its work to make lives better for disabled people.



The main outcome areas are:



- education
- employment
- health.



The other main outcomes areas are:



- housing
- **justice.**



Here **justice** is to do with people being treated fairly by the justice system like the courts.



We will make a Working Group for each outcome area.



Do you:

- know a lot about an outcome area?
- have the skills to be a member of a Working Group?
- want to be on a Working Group?



If you want to join a Working Group you should fill out this expression of interest form.



We have made the **Expression of Interest: Do you want to join a Disability Strategy Working Group?** document to support you to fill out this form.





It has information about:

- the Disability Strategy
- Working Groups
- what skills you need to be on a Working Group.



You can find the **Expression of Interest: Do you want to join a Disability Strategy Working Group?** to support you fill out this form at this **website:**

whaikaha.govt.nz/strategy-refresh





You can:

- print this form out
- and
- write your answers in the answer boxes.



Please try to fill out all the parts of this expression of interest form.



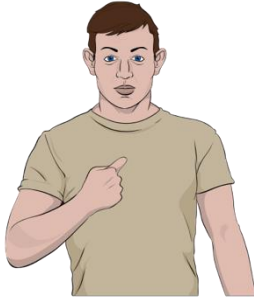
You need to send it back to us by **6 March 2025.**



If you have any questions **email** us at:

disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz

About you



This part of the form asks questions about you.



Write your **name** in this box:



Write your **email address** in this box:



Write your **phone number** in this box:

Write your **address** in this box:



Tick this box if you were born in New Zealand.



Tick this box if you have **citizenship** from a country that is not New Zealand.



Citizenship means a person can do things in a country like:

- live
- work
- vote.

Tell us the country you have citizenship in if you do not have it for New Zealand:



Tick the box next to each choice that is right for you.

Tell us which Working Group outcome area you would like to be a part of.



- education
- employment
- health
- housing
- justice.



Tick the box next to each choice that is right for you.

Tell us which communities you know a lot about:



Tāngata whaikaha Māori /
Whānau hauā / Māori disabled



Turi Māori or Deaf

Disabled person

Pacific disabled



Rainbow disabled

whānau / family.





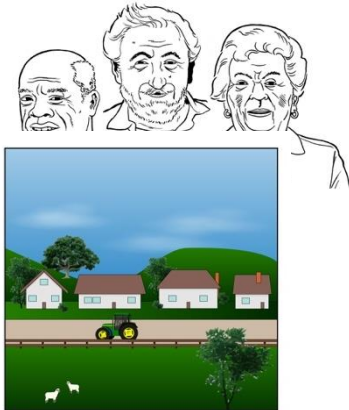
Tick the box next to each choice that is right for you.

Tell us which communities you know a lot about:



youth

Rangatahi Māori



disabled older people

rural / living in the country

other.



If you ticked the **Other** box tell us the community you know a lot about.

Please write your answer here:

Do you have the right skills to be a Working Group member?



Think about the outcome area you want to be on if you are in a Working Group.

How do you think your experience of disability makes you the right person to be on this Working Group?

Please write your answer here:



Think about the outcome area you are interested in.

Write the outcome area in this box:



What experiences can you bring to the Working Group?

Please write your answer here:



Tick the box if the choice is right for you.

You are a good leader

If you ticked the box tell us why here:



Tick the box if the choice is right for you.

You are good at thinking up plans to get work done

If you ticked the box tell us why here:



Tick the box if the choice is right for you.

You are good at making decisions.

If you ticked the box tell us why here:



Tick the box if the choice is right for you.

You are good at taking part in talks during a meeting to sort out a problem.

If you ticked the box tell us why here:



Tick the box if the choice is right for you.

You work well with other people to do things like:

- make work plans
- sort out problems.

If you ticked the box tell us why here:



Tick the box if the choice that is right for you.

You can work well with people from different communities.

If you ticked the box tell us why here:



Tick the box if the choice is right for you.

You are good at getting your work done in the time that you are asked to do it in.

If you ticked the box tell us why here:

Conflict of interest



Here a **conflict of interest** is when a person may have a problem between:

- the Working Group
- and
- their personal life.

An example of a conflict of interest may be if a person is making a decision:

- they might choose to do what is best for them
- and
- they know is not the right thing for the Working Group.



You need to think if you may have a conflict of interest if you are chosen to be a Working Group member.

You will need to think about the things like:

- the place you work for
- any groups you belong to.



You are chosen as an **individual** person.



Here **individual** means 1 person.

You are not chosen because you belong to a:



- group
- organisation.



You can email us if you want to find out more about conflict of interest at:

disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz



Tell us if you think you may have a conflict of interest if you are chosen to be a Working Group member.

Please write your answer here:

Tell us about your experience

We would like to know about:



- your experiences to do with the Working Group outcome area you want to be a member of

and



- how you think these experiences could support your work as a Working Group member.

Tell us about:



- work you have done
- **voluntary** work you have done.



Voluntary means you did not get paid when you did work for an organisation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Tell us about your jobs to do with the outcome area you are interested in.

Please list your jobs here:



Do you have experience of working on a:

- government group
- **board.**



A **board** is a group of people that:

- know a lot about organisation



- lead the organisation.

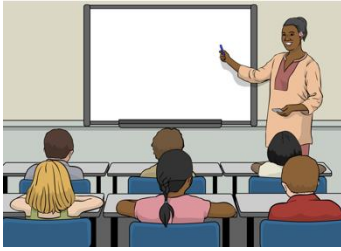
Tick the box if the choice is right for you.



You have experience working on a:

- government group
- board.

Tell us about your experience here:



Do you have **qualifications** that are about the outcome area you would like to work in?



Qualifications are the skills a person has learned when they have been somewhere like:



- school
- university
- on a course.

Tell us about your qualifications here:



Tell us about other experiences you have to support you to become a Working Group member.

Tell us about your other experiences here:

Referees



Here **referees** are people you have:

- chosen to talk to us about your work experience
- said yes to say we can talk to them about you.



If we choose you to be on a Working Group we will need to talk to **2 referees** about you.

It is best if they come from an organisation you have worked in.



Pages 32 to 35 ask about information about your referees.

Referee Number 1



Write their **name** in this box:



Write the name of the organisation they work for in this box:



Tell us how you **know each other** in this box:

More information about Referee Number 1



Write their **email address** in this box:



Write their **phone number** in this box:

Referee Number 2



Write their **name** in this box:



Write the name of the **organisation** they work for in this box:



Tell us **how you know each other** in this box:

More information about Referee Number 2



Write their **email address** in this box:



Write their **phone number** in this box:

Do you have time to be a Working Group member?



People who are chosen to be on a Working Group need to have the time to:



- go to Working Group meetings
- get ready for meetings.



Do you think you can you work for 50 to 90 hours between:

- March 2025

and



- November 2024.



Tick the box next to the choice that is right for you.



Do you have time to do the work needed to be on a Working Group?



Yes

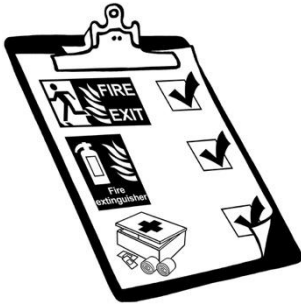


No



I will need to find out

Do you need support to be a Working Group member?



We would also like to know if you will need some support to work in the Working Group.



Please tell us any information you think we should know like:



- about your health
- about your disability
- if you need **reasonable accommodation** to be a Working Group member.





Reasonable accommodation is making changes to something so disabled people can do things like:

- work
- get information
- use services
- get to where they want to go.



Tick the box next to the choice that is right for you.



Will you need support to take part on the Working Group?



yes



no

If you ticked **yes** tell us what support you may need.

Please write your answer here:

Other information we may need



If you are chosen to be on a Working Group we may need to know some extra things.



We may need to know if you have broken the **law**.

A **law** is rule made by the government that everyone has to follow.



If you have done something to break the law you may have a criminal conviction.



A **criminal conviction** is when a person has been found to have done a crime by the courts.



This does not always mean you can not be on the Working Group.



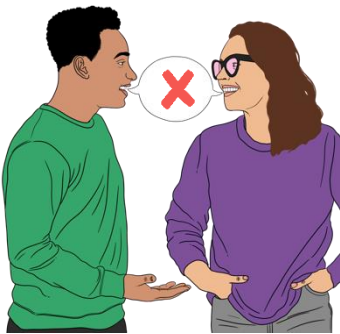
We will have to find out more information to be able to decide if you:



- **can** be on the Working Group



- **can not** be on the Working Group.



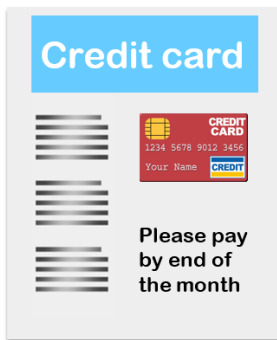
You may not need to tell us about your criminal convictions if the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act law says you do not have to.



You can find out more about the Clean Slate law at this **website**:

www.justice.govt.nz/criminal-records/clean-slate/

We may also need to find out about your **credit status**.



Credit status tells someone how good you are at paying:

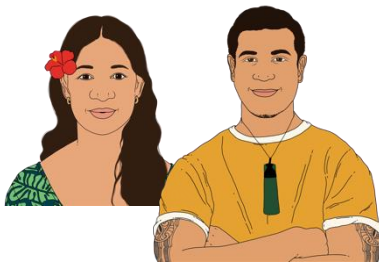
- back money you have borrowed from something like a bank
- things like your:
 - credit card bill
 - power bill.

We may also need to know if you have had any serious complaints made about you at the places you have worked at.

Consent



Consent means saying yes to something.



This part of the form is about asking for your consent to talk to your referees.



I consent to the Ministry asking for information about me from my referees.



Their names are on **pages 32 to 35**.



I understand the information you get from my referees will:

- be kept private
- not be given to me
- be used to find out if I am the right person to be on a Working Group.



I have told you about any conflicts of interest I may have that I know about.



The information I am giving the Ministry:

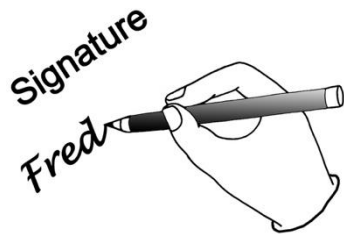


- is true
- is everything I think they need to know
- will be used to decide if I can be on a Working Group.

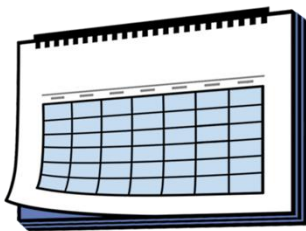




The information on **pages 44 to 45** of the Consent part of this form is true.



Sign your name in this box:



Write the **date** you sign this form in this box:

Extra information



If you want to give us extra information you should tell us what you are sending.



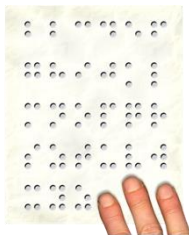
Tick the box next to each choice that is right for you.

Tell us what extra information you are sending to.

CV / Resume



video



alternate format like Braille or Easy Read



Tick the box next to each choice that is right for you.

Tell us what extra information you are sending to.



letter

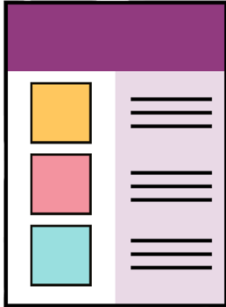
something else



If you ticked **something else** tell us what you sent in the box.

Please write your answer here:

About your privacy



We are getting information about you to decide if you should be a Working Group member.



You may still be able to be on a Working Group if you have not answered all the questions on this form.



You **can not** be on a Working Group if you do not give us your:

- name
- address
- email address.





You can ask for a copy of the personal information we have about you at any time.



You can ask to fix something if you think there is a mistake in the information we have about you.



You can send an **email** to us to tell us about the mistake at:

privacy@whaikaha.govt.nz

How to send your form to us



This part of the form tells you how to send your expression of interest form to us.



You can **email** your form to us at:

disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz



You can post your form to us.

You do not have to put a stamp on the envelope.



Post your form to:

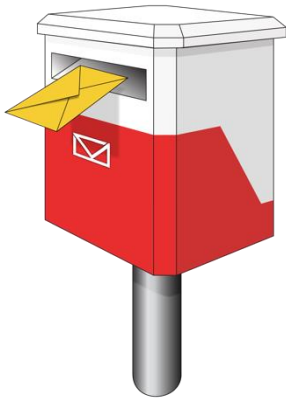
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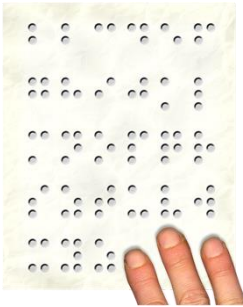
Reply paid: 262204

PO Box 1556

Wellington 6140



You can also send your expression of interest by:



- video
- using an alternate format like:
 - Braille
 - New Zealand Sign Language
 - Te Reo Māori
 - audio
 - Large Print.

Email us to find out about making your expression of interest in a different way at:

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You need to send your expression of interest back to us by **6 March 2025**.

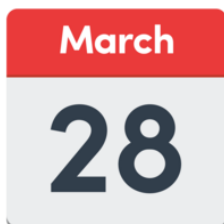


We will decide who will be on our Working Groups.



By **21 March 2025** we will tell you if you:

- **are** on the Working Group
- **are not** on the Working Group.



We hope to have made the Working Groups by **28 March 2025**.



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