NorthAble NASC Application Process

Referral
Request a Referral form by completing a contact request online at:
www.drcnorthland.org.nz
Or
Ph: 0508 637 200
09 430 0988
Or
Email:
drc@drcnorthland.org.nz

Who can complete a referral to NorthAble NASC?

You can refer yourself or consent to a referral from any of the following:

- your family or whanau
  a doctor or health professional
- a disability or community organisation

Determine eligibility
To be eligible for a needs assessment from NorthAble, the NASC service must ensure you meet the MOH definition of disability (see below)

Ministry of Health Definition of Disability

A person with a disability is someone who has been assessed as having a physical, intellectual or sensory disability (or a combination of these) that is likely to continue for a minimum of six months and result in a reduction of independent function to the extent that ongoing support is required.

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for DSD-funded services then the NASC can assist you in finding other services that may be able to help.

Needs Assessment
A Needs Assessor meets with you to gather information that reflects your needs and goals. The information is written up in a report. You sign the report to confirm your needs have been identified correctly.

Specialist Assessment
Sometimes more detailed information and knowledge is required to accurately identify your needs and support options. NASC will refer you to a specialised assessor to determine support such as equipment, treatment and rehabilitation options.

NASC will also support you to access assessors funded by other government agencies e.g.: education

Service Coordination
This usually commences directly following the needs assessment.

A service coordinator will contact you to plan a package of support services to meet your needs. It involves you in the development of an individualised support plan, focusing on what support is required to meet your prioritised needs.

The service coordinator will present you with a range of contracted providers for you to choose from and make the referral. This does depend on availability.

Not all of the services identified in your support plan will be funded via NASC. The service coordinator can refer you to services provided by external agencies and ensure these are coordinated and not duplicated.