

Employment Service in Schools

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Employment Service in Schools (ESiS) is a service for secondary school students with a disability or health condition, including mental health condition or neurodiversity.

The service aims to assist students, their family or whānau, and school plan for their future post-school, and explore job and career opportunities.

The ESiS pilot is available in schools in Otago-Southland, Canterbury, Wellington, Waikato and parts of Auckland.

Run by the Ministry of Social Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the ESiS pilot has been running since mid-2020. It was due to end in June 2022, but has been extended until December 2022.

How it works

This service is for students enrolled in pilot schools and in the last two years of secondary schooling who face barriers to employment due to disability or learning support.

This can include:

- neurodiversity, disabilities or learning support needs
- health conditions
- engagement, wellbeing or mental health related needs.

ESiS provides students with a local employment provider who has expertise in preparing students for employment through skill development and work experience or job trials. This adds to the support available through the school.

With the help of whānau and school staff, students chose a local provider that would best work for them. A list of the providers is available on the Work and Income website.

The school works with the student and their whānau to complete and submit the referral to the selected provider.

Once the application is processed, the provider will contact the student to organise a meeting with them and their family or whānau and school.

The student, school and provider will work together to find out what kind of employment future the student would like, and what needs to happen for this.

The student will continue to be supported by their provider until they leave school or when the pilot ends (December 2022), even if they start a job while they're still at school.

For more information:

Visit workandincome.govt.nz/esis

Email Employment_Service_in_Schools@msd.govt.nz

Supporting students to access ESiS in 2022

More students can access ESiS in 2022. To support this schools are asked to:

- share information about the service to relevant staff and whānau
- identify students who might benefit from the service
- support interested students and whānau to find out more
- help the student and whānau to chose a provider
- refer as early as possible in the school year
- work with the student and provider throughout the service.

How to find out more

There's more information about Employment Service in Schools, including how to apply, a copy of the referral form, and a list of providers, on the Work and Income website.

You can also email us for more information.

Our contact details are below.

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