



## **New Draft Hearing Application Form Update**

### **For Hearing and Hearing Assistive Technology Accredited Assessors**

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The new draft Hearing Equipment Application form was released for use by Specialised Assessors (Audiologists, Hearing Therapists, Deaf Aotearoa and RNZFB Coordinators) at the end of June 2009.

As previously advised this draft form has been developed in liaison with NZAS and Hearing Therapy Services during 2008. We are grateful to these organisations for continuing to support the development work with their feedback and the discussions held at the NZAS Taupo Conference in July this year.

**accessible** and Enable New Zealand are working collaboratively with NZAS, and have received advice that they have nominated seven members to trial the new form to provide feedback and we look forward to receiving this.

To date a significant portion of Specialised Assessors are using the new draft form and we are very grateful for this as it provides us an opportunity to gauge the usefulness of the new form. It appears to have made the review of requests more appropriately focused on hearing needs.

In addition to the members nominated by NZAS, we encourage as wide a range of Specialised Assessors to use the new form and feedback as possible, ensuring everyone has an opportunity for input into the final document.

A copy of the audiogram is required to be included with all applications requesting hearing aids to provide a full picture of the person's needs. If this document is not included, we will not be able to process the application.

Thank you for specific feedback so far which identified an error on the draft form, an Itemised Supplier Quote is requested with the application on the front page of the form, please disregard this as the costs and type are recorded in the body of the application on page 3. In the final version of the form, this will be removed. The suppliers invoice itemising the wholesale cost is only required at time of final invoicing for purchase.

We continue to value working collaboratively with Specialised Assessors to ensure people with hearing impairment seeking Ministry of Health funding, where eligible, have their needs met in a timely and effective manner.

Please continue to provide feedback to [moh@accessible.co.nz](mailto:moh@accessible.co.nz) and ensure the subject line includes "Feedback on Hearing Equipment Application form".

All feedback is due by 30th September 2009, at which time a final draft of the form will be developed.