

Individualised Funding

Information for people interested in being in charge of their own TAC funds.

What is Individualised Funding?

Individualised Funding is a way for people with a severe injury to be in charge of the services they need because of their transport accident. It recognises a person's right to make decisions about their services, including changing their services if they want to.

When you use Individualised Funding, the TAC will set up a bank account for you and deposit your Individualised Funding money each month. It will then be up to you to arrange the services you need and pay for them.

If you decide to use Individualised Funding, a TAC Individualised Funding Specialist will work with you to set up everything you need to get started. The TAC will continue to support you once you start using Individualised Funding.

How you can use Individualised Funding

Using Individualised Funding is a great way to become more independent. If it is right for you, it means you can:

- / Make your own decisions about your services, in your own time
- / Change your services to meet your needs
- / Choose which providers you use
- / Use a debit card and online banking to pay your providers
- / Budget your money and keep records of your payments.

You might be able to do these things by yourself or you might have family, friends or a person you trust to help you. You can talk to your Support Coordinator to find out what type of help you might be able to get when using Individualised Funding.

If you're interested but think you need some more skills before you're ready to use Individualised Funding, you can add this as a goal in your Independence Plan.

The services you can pay for with Individualised Funding

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| / Acupuncture | / Home services/Domestic services (including gardening) |
| / Attendant care | / Nursing |
| / Audiology | / Occupational therapy |
| / Child care* | / Orthoptics |
| / Chiropractic | / Osteopathy |
| / Community group programs | / Physiotherapy |
| / Continence equipment | / Podiatry |
| / Dietetics | / Psychology |
| / Equipment that costs less than \$1,000 per item, including delivery | / Respite |
| / Exercise physiology | / Social work |
| / Gym and swimming programs | / Speech pathology |
| | / Specialist disability services |

*(only if eligible under section 60(2)(c) of the *Transport Accident Act 1986*)

If you need services other than those on this list, you can still get them. They will be paid for by the TAC, not with your Individualised Funding.



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The main differences between using Individualised Funding and the way you work with the TAC now



A bank account: You have a bank account that is only used for your Individualised Funding money.



Your services: Instead of using services that the TAC has approved, you plan services to meet your needs. As your needs change, you can change your services without having to ask the TAC.



Budgeting: The TAC will work with you to work out how much money you need each month. It is then up to you to budget your money so that you can pay for the services you need.



Paying providers: You pay your providers directly, either with your debit card or using online banking.



Record-keeping: You keep receipts and invoices for the services you use.



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What you can do now

If you are interested in Individualised Funding and would like to find out more, please contact your Support Coordinator.

You can also search for 'IF' on the TAC website to watch videos of TAC clients sharing their experiences of using Individualised Funding.



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