

Housing support and information

Times are tough. COVID-19 has affected many people's work situations. You may have lost your job, been sick, or faced the challenge of working from home and looking after tamariki. This can really muck up your housing at a time when it's already difficult.

There is support available – you can get help with emergency, transitional or social housing.



General information and support



Accommodation

If you're having trouble finding or affording a stable home, you may be able to get access to low-cost housing or help with accommodation costs. Read about getting help with housing and paying rent.

WINZ also offers an accommodation supplement that's paid weekly to help you with rent, board or the cost of owning a home. Find out if you're eligible (qualify/meet the criteria).

If don't have a place to stay tonight or in the next seven nights, you might be able to apply for emergency housing.

If you're homeless, there's support available in Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland).



Job loss

If you've lost your job or can't work, you may be able to get financial help or support from Work and Income (WINZ) to find work. You might be able to get help if you're working and on a low income.



Unexpected costs

WINZ may also be able to help with urgent or unexpected costs (even if you're working). These include:

- kai/food
- accommodation costs
- power, gas and water bills
- medical costs, including dental treatment and glasses
- home and car repairs
- bereavement
- fire or theft.



Find out more:

www.healthify.nz/housing-support