

Financial support: Christchurch mosques attack

From 3 June 2019, we're making financial help available to more of the people affected by the mosques attack.

If you can't earn enough income to pay for the things you and your family need, and you're affected by the attack, here's how we may be able to help.



I have a Christchurch Response Visa

If you have a Christchurch Response Visa, you may qualify for a main benefit and other financial assistance. You do not need to have been resident in New Zealand for two years.

This includes people who are permanent residents who have been in New Zealand less than two years and would have been eligible for the Christchurch Response Visa.

I qualify for a Christchurch Response Visa

If you qualify for a Christchurch Response Visa, we may be able to pay you the new Christchurch payment from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

See over for details.

I don't qualify for a Christchurch Response Visa

If:

- you're here on a temporary visa, **and**
- you're closely related to someone who was present during, or injured or died as a result of the mosques attack,

you may qualify for the new Christchurch payment from The Ministry of Social Development (MSD). By 'closely related' we mean you're their partner, parent or adult (non-dependent) sibling or child.

See over for details.

I'm connected to the mosques or the Christchurch Muslim community and I'm experiencing trauma because of the attack

If:

- you're part of, or connected to, the two mosques or the Christchurch Muslim community, **and**
- you were in NZ on 15 March 2019, **and**
- you're experiencing trauma because of the attack,

you may qualify for the new Christchurch payment from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). You'll need to get medical confirmation from your doctor or counsellor. We may be able to help you pay for this so please talk with us about it.

See over for details.



For some financial help, we take your assets and income into account when working out what you can get.





New payment for people affected by the mosques attack

We've introduced a new weekly payment from MSD for people affected by the mosques attack who don't qualify for other payments. The Christchurch Mosques Attack payment is available from **3 June**. Payments could be made for up to one year.

How much can I get?

The amount you may be able to get depends on your situation and any other income you receive. You'll usually get the same amount each week but this may vary from time to time if your situation changes. We will keep in contact with you to make sure you're getting all the support we can provide for your situation.

You may have received payments through organisations that are distributing donations for people affected by the mosques attack – these won't count as income or cash assets when we are working out what you can get.

How do I apply?

If you have a case manager, talk with them about the help that may be available to you or your family.

If you don't have a case manager, please call **0800 559 009**.

If you're not sure if you qualify, please call so we can talk about it with you. Even if you don't, we'll see if there are other ways we can help.

We can arrange for someone to speak with you in your own language. Let us know when you call.

If you or your family want case manager support please call **03 961 9257** or email **support@msd.govt.nz**