

School High Health Needs Fund (SHHNF) for Children with Diabetes

Children with diabetes are eligible for extra support while at school if they need assistance with or supervision of glucose monitoring, administration of insulin, carbohydrate counting, eating and drinking or fluids if indicated, and/or the management of an insulin pump.

The Ministry of Education makes a contribution towards the employment of a teacher aide if a student has a high health need, and ongoing care and support is needed for more than 6 weeks.

The allocation of funding is based on individual requirements, and the amount of funding that your child's school receives is determined by your local Ministry of Education office.

SHHNF applications must be completed by the child's school, medical specialist and parent/caregiver.

All applications must be accompanied by a school diabetes action and management plan: <https://www.diabetes.org.nz/primary-secondary-school>

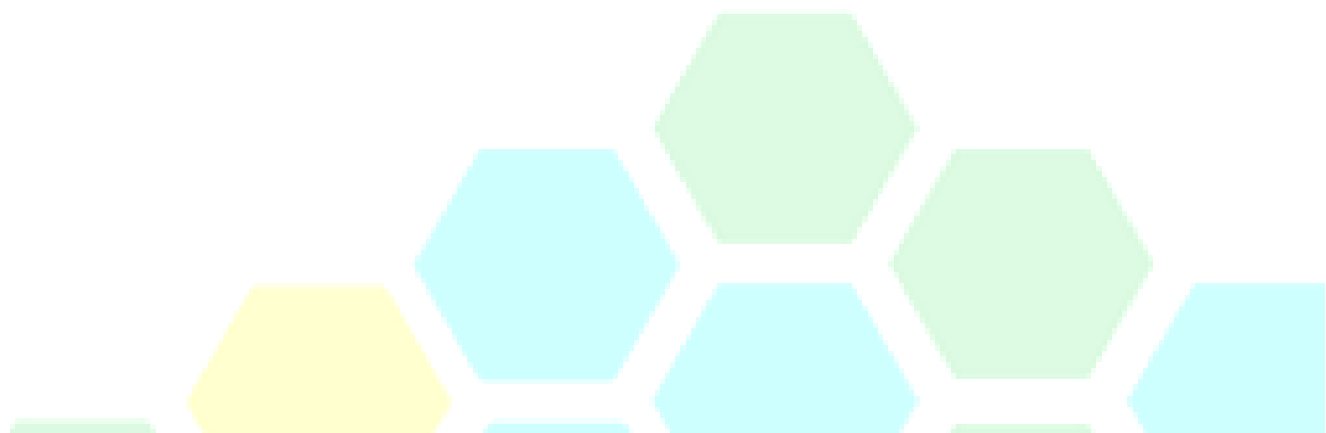
Funding is reviewed on an ongoing basis as per the student's needs.

Further information about the process can be found on the Ministry of Education website:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/school-high-health-needs-fund/>

Local MoE offices can be found at: <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/contact-us/regional-ministry-contacts/learning-support-services/>

If there any specific concerns about the process, parents and schools can contact the **Manager Assurance and Eligibility | Learning Support from Ministry of Education** with concerns: manager.eligibility@education.govt.nz



Parent/Caregiver's/Whānau Guide for filling out Part B of the SHNF application

Details of the student's health needs

This is a chance to talk in general terms about the seriousness of diabetes; the need for a rapid response to a low blood glucose; the long term possible complications. You could talk about your child's age, if they are newly diagnosed and any medical devices used for monitoring blood glucose or delivering insulin. You can also mention all the tasks that they cannot do for themselves.

Describe tasks

Here you should list in detail all the tasks that need to be done for your child. You should completely personalise this part, but to help you there is a list below of common tasks that a child with diabetes might need assistance from an adult with managing.

- Blood glucose checks using finger pricker and meter
- Ketone checks using finger pricker and meter
- Glucose monitoring using Flash Glucose monitor or Continuous Glucose monitor (e.g. Freestyle Libre, Dexcom or Guardian)
- Supervision of eating
- Treatment of low blood glucose (hypoglycaemia)
- Treatment of high blood glucose (hyperglycaemia)
- Calculation of insulin dose
- Administration of insulin
- Sports and swimming plan
- Trips and excursions plan
- Morning tea and lunchtime plan
- Communication with parent/s, caregivers, and whānau

