



2 August 2024

Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 9 July 2024, requesting information about how ACC payments influence receipt of main benefits, including Temporary Additional Support (TAS) and Accommodation Supplement (AS).

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

I understand you have reviewed the information on our website already. I can confirm that the advice on our website is correct and clarify that the effect of payments from ACC will differ depending on what type they are. You can find this information on this link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/income/types-of-income/accident-compensation.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/income/types-of-income/accident-compensation.html).

To answer your specific requests, you will see the site contains advice about the differences in the treatment between weekly compensation (which is deducted dollar for dollar), and lump sum payments for impairment that you refer to.

Note these are not directly deductible nor are charged as income. Lump sum payments for impairment may be treated as cash assets when assessing eligibility to asset-tested assistance, depending on the type of assistance being applied for. For AS specifically, the lump sums are not included in the asset test for the first 12 months following the date the lump sum was received by the client.

More information about how lump sum payments for impairment are treated can be found here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/income/types-of-income/lump-sum-payments-for-impairment-01.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/core-policy/income/types-of-income/lump-sum-payments-for-impairment-01.html).

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

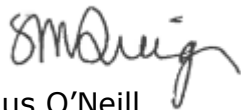
If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

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If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Magnus O'Neill

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