

MSD Update

Work and Income's new online recruitment tool

Our new online recruitment tool, available through the Work and Income website, connecting employers with people looking for work was publicly announced today.

Employers are able to list jobs on the platform and anyone looking for work (both MSD and non-MSD job seekers) can register and apply for them directly. It's a free and efficient service, linking employers directly with people looking for jobs.

The tool can be accessed here: <https://www.jobs-during-covid.workandincome.govt.nz>

Online Recruitment Tool

As part of our employment response to the COVID-19 crisis we have created a new online recruitment tool to connect employers with people looking for work.

Our ability to continue to deliver services to New Zealanders is crucial. The enhancement and opening of new digital channels will ensure access to existing MSD clients and employers, and also widen service access to new jobseekers.

Employers will be able to list jobs on the platform and anyone looking for work (both MSD and non-MSD jobseekers) will be able to register and apply for them directly. It's a free and efficient service, linking employers directly with people looking for jobs, including Work and Income clients.

The functionality of the new website speeds up the recruitment process, allowing employers to rapidly deploy new staff into roles. Employers will automatically be sent the profiles of people who match the jobs they have listed and candidates will be sent lists of jobs that match their profile.

This is just one part of MSD's employment response to COVID-19 and will align with other work being done across the business and regionally. It is a tactical campaign site designed to meet the immediate demand of employers seeking staff, particularly in essential services or for temporary, casual roles.

This is a service that we can promote with jobseekers and employers, where that is appropriate.

Service for jobseekers

You'll need to create a profile to apply for jobs.

- Visit <https://www.jobs-during-covid.workandincome.govt.nz/register#learner>
- This will take you straight to the registration form, where you'll be asked questions about yourself to build your profile.
- You'll be sent an email with a verification code to active your account.
- When you're ready to login to your account, you'll be able to:
 - apply for jobs
 - make changes to your account information

- reset your password
- complete online training courses.
- Once you have applied for jobs employers will contact you directly on the status of your application.
- You can choose whether or not your profile can be viewed by employers.
- Once you have created your profile, employers will automatically be sent your profile if you match future listings – so it's important to keep your profile updated. You can also apply for roles directly.

Service for Employers

You'll need to create your business profile.

- Visit <https://www.jobs-during-covid.workandincome.govt.nz/register#employer>
- This will take you straight to the registration form, where you'll be asked information about the business and some contact information for your user account.
- You'll be sent an email with a verification code to active your account.
- When you're ready to login to your account, you'll be able to:
 - check out local talent
 - create and manage your job listings
 - review and shortlist applications
 - communicate directly with applicants
 - make changes to your account information
 - reset your password.

New Rapid Return to Work Service

From yesterday our Job Connect contact centre is offering a new phone service for clients who've lost their jobs because of COVID-19. We're targeting clients new to Jobseeker Support with no benefit history.

We want to help them get back into the workforce as quickly as possible and we'll be giving practical support with CV writing, assessing their transferrable skills, helping them navigate the job market and connecting them with current vacancies.

Changes to the COVID-19 Leave Payment

Changes are being made for the COVID-19 Essential Workers Leave Support now that we've moved to Alert Level Three.

From 1 May it will be called the 'COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme' and any business (not just essential ones) will be able to apply for the payment to cover their staff not able to work because Ministry of Health guidelines recommend they stay at home.

More information is available on the Work and Income Website:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/essential-workers-leave-support/index.html>