

Temporary Impairment

Disability Services support for students who have a temporary injury or illness

A student is regarded as having a disability and being eligible for Disability Services support when they have an impairment which has been of at least six months duration or which is likely to be of at least six months duration. (This is in line with the definition of disability used by Government departments (Ministry of Health, MSD, Work and Income).

ACC is the Government agency charged with providing support to people living with temporary (and long-term) injuries. ACC has stated that, although students are entitled to request ACC funding for notetaking support, in most cases, there is an expectation students make their own arrangements around notetaking (e.g. asking for classmates' support).

Support Disability Services may be able to offer students with short term impairment

When a student has provided relevant medical documentation, and when Disability Services has assessed their needs and eligibility for support, Disability Services may be able to offer some of the following supports to a student with a short-term injury, illness or effects from surgery or other medical treatment:

- the loan of a voice recorder
- alternative exam arrangements such as: use of a computer; use of a separate room; extra time; use of a reader/writer

If a student thinks they may be eligible for any of these supports, they should make an appointment with Disability Services staff, bringing a medical certificate that clearly states:

- the nature of their injury or illness
- how this impacts on their study
- the likely duration of their injury or illness

Phone 940 8089 for an appointment to discuss your situation, or email disability@ara.ac.nz