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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-017478

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2022, to Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for ACC, asking for the following information:

The New Zealand Standards and Legislation for the supply and use of Hearing Aids in New Zealand.

Due to the nature of your request, it was transferred to ACC's Government Engagement and Support for a response under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The Ministry of Health is responsible for ensuring hearing aids receiving government funding meet international standards

ACC does not purchase hearing aid devices but provides funding for audiologists to apply towards the cost of suitable devices for our clients. The standards audiologists are required to adhere to are the responsibility of the Ministry of Health. You can find information on these standards through this link: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/hearing-aid-services-notice-2011>.

The ACC legislation under which hearing aids are provided is accessible through the following links:

- The Accident Insurance (Occupational Hearing Assessment Procedures) Regulations 1999, <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/1999/0167/19.0/DLM286720.html> and
- The Accident Compensation (Apportioning Entitlements for Hearing Loss) Regulations 2010 <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2010/0424/latest/DLM3344620.html>.

As the information requested is publicly available, we have not reproduced it alongside this response. This decision is made under section 18(d) of the Act.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available at www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

If you're concerned about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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