

ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE FOR CANTERBURY

AN ALLOWANCE FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE, AFFECTED BY THE CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE AND WHO WANT TO RESTART THEIR BUSINESS.

Enterprise Allowance for Canterbury is for people who:

- were self employed
- want to restart their business that ceased trading due to buildings and stock being damaged or destroyed as a result of the Canterbury earthquakes.

If your business was located within the local authority areas outlined below you may be eligible for the Enterprise Allowance for Canterbury.

This allowance is available from October 2011.

Enterprise Allowance for Canterbury is a lump sum payment to help with your costs to resume trading. Payments can be made up to \$11,000 depending on the needs of your business and your personal financial situation.

To qualify for the Enterprise Allowance in Canterbury

You will need to be:

- aged between 18 and 65 years
- receiving some form of, or able to qualify for, government financial assistance such as any of the Working for Family Tax Credits, or a Work and Income benefit or a Community Services Card
- not currently declared bankrupt or subject to any other insolvency procedures
- operating a business in the at the time of the earthquakes in any of the following Local Authority areas: Ashburton District Council, Christchurch City Council, Hurunui District Council, Selwyn District Council or Waimakariri District Council
- wanting to resume trading
- disadvantaged in the local labour market.

Also:

- you will need to talk to us about what other means of finance you have investigated, such as a bank loan
- if you have been receiving insurance payments these need to have ended
- you will need to provide a business proposal as part of your application. This will be reviewed prior to a final decision on your eligibility.

For assistance writing a business proposal go to www.bizinfo.co.nz. or contact Work and Income.

How do I apply?

You will need to arrange an appointment with the Programme Co-ordinator in the Canterbury area. You can do this by contacting Work and Income on **0800 559 009**.

For more information

If you have any questions, contact **0800 559 009** or visit our website:
www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/forms-and-brochures/start-your-own-business