



CSN COMPUTER LOAN SCHEME

Community Residence Loans

Community residences for people with disabilities may apply for loan of a computer for the use of residents. Such residences should either be operated by a registered charitable trust or other not-for-profit entity. Rest homes and other facilities operated as business enterprises will not be considered, however individual residents may apply in their own right.

About the Scheme

The Computers for Special Needs Computer Loan Scheme was set up to lend computer equipment to people with disabilities who are unable to obtain similar equipment through other sources such as ACC, Enable Funding, Ministry of Education, Workbridge, or through their own personal resources.

The computers available through the loan scheme are suitable for people undertaking courses of study, for trial, or training purposes and for recreational activities. The definition of a “special need” is fairly broad, but generally will relate to a recognised physical, intellectual or mental disability. Computers are not intended as family computers or to support individuals whose primary difficulty is learning (i.e. you do not qualify just because you are not good at maths). They are also not provided for assessment purposes.

The computer systems available generally come equipped with Microsoft Windows. A desktop or a laptop system can be requested.

All loans are subject to availability of equipment.

Insurance Cover

It is highly recommended that borrowers have insurance cover in case the computer system is stolen or damaged. Most house contents insurance policies will provide adequate cover but applicants should check with their company. The Computers for Special Needs insurance policy does not cover computer systems while they are on loan. In the event that a computer system is stolen or damaged while on loan, the borrower may be held liable for any loss.

Special Requirements

If applicants have special requirements for a system (e.g. you require, a trackball rather than a mouse, a large screen, etc.), this should be noted on the application form. CSN is not able to guarantee the availability of special requirements, but will assist wherever resources allow.

Specialised software or accessing equipment generally cannot be provided under the Computer Loan Scheme.

Provision of Equipment

There is usually a high demand for equipment and it may not be possible to supply a suitable system as soon as an application is approved. There can sometimes be a delay of a number of months before equipment becomes available.

Applicants will be asked to sign a loan agreement form as part of the application process. Once the agreement has been signed, and the application approved arrangements will be made for collection of the equipment as soon as it becomes available. CSN does not deliver or set up equipment and any freight costs are the borrower's responsibility. Returning equipment for any reason is also the borrower's responsibility.

Period of Loan

The computer are made available for as long as the borrower requires it. If the computer is no longer required, the borrower is expected to return it so as it can be reissued to another user.

Eligibility Criteria - General

1. Community Residence Borrowers must have an identified special need.
2. Computers are available to borrowers aged three years and upwards.
3. Equipment may be used for recreation or education, but not for business or commercial activities.
4. Borrowers must not be eligible for funding for similar equipment from government funding sources or insurance.
5. Borrowers should be unable to fund the equipment themselves.
6. The Community Residence must be within the Canterbury – Nelson - Marlborough region.
7. In the case of individuals, applications must be supported by a professional referee.
8. Borrowers must identify a suitable support person.

Please Note

The Computers for Special Needs Trust does not provide training or other support for users. CSN's role is limited to supply of equipment and standard software. Applicants must arrange their own training and support.

Review and Recall

All computer loans will be subject to an initial audit of suitability and functionality 3 months after issue with subsequent audits on the anniversary of issue. This may either be by means of a telephone call or a questionnaire letter. If the trustees are of the opinion that the borrower no longer meets the eligibility criteria, notice of recall of the computer system may be given.

Change of Contact Details

Applicants must advise Computers for Special Needs of any change of address or telephone number as soon as possible.

Repairs, Maintenance and Running Costs

There is no charge for borrowing a loan computer; however, borrowers are encouraged to make a donation to the trust (if possible).

Computers for Special Needs will arrange and pay for the cost of repairs to hardware should a computer break down. Borrowers should not under any circumstances arrange for repairs to the computer hardware themselves, as Computers for Special Needs will not accept liability for any costs incurred. If borrowers require professional assistance to install or configure software, any expenses incurred are the borrower's responsibility.

Borrowers are responsible for the costs of all consumables, such as ink, paper, etc.

Borrowers are responsible for maintaining all equipment in a clean condition.

Contacting Computers for Special Needs

Computers for Special Needs may be contacted by post or e-mail. The contact details are:

Postal Address:

Computers for Special Needs Trust
C/- PO Box 19-957
Woolston
Christchurch, 8241

E-mail:

info@csntrust.org.nz

Application Process

Applications will be considered approximately every six weeks. Applicants will be advised of the outcome in writing or by telephone. The application review panel's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Any loan is conditional upon all conditions in the Loan Agreement being satisfied and the declaration being signed by the applicant or the applicant's agent.

Please send completed applications, with supporting documentation, to:

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N.B. Applications which do not provide all required information will be returned to the applicant.



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Application Form – Community Residence Loans

Please complete the following details in full:

Name of Residence: _____

Location of Residence(s): _____

Owner of Residence(s): _____

Contact Person:
(concerning this application) _____

Contact Phone: _____

Address for Correspondence: _____

How many people usually reside in the facility(ies)? _____

Please describe the client group catered for:

Please describe how the computer will be of benefit to the residents.

(Continue on separate page if necessary)

Briefly outline the reasons why you consider this application should be approved.

Special Requirements (e.g. large screen, trackball instead of mouse)

Printer required: Yes / No (circle one)

You need to identify a support person who will assist residents to use the computer and who will provide technical support when required. Please provide details of that person here:

Support Person's Name:

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

Please attach:

- A brief letter of support from an independent individual or organisation who has an understanding of the operations of the residence.
- A photocopy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the trust that operates the residence or, in the case of a different not-for-profit structure, a letter from the relevant departmental manager confirming that the residence is operated as a not-for-profit enterprise.

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Declaration

I certify that the information on this application form is true and accurate and I acknowledge that all equipment and software must be returned at the end of the loan period.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Designation: _____



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Loan Agreement – Community Residence

This agreement is made between the borrower,

_____, (Full name of Community Residence)

and the Computers for Special Needs Trust.

Conditions of Loan

1. There is no charge to borrow computers. However, a donation at the time of collecting the system would be greatly appreciated. All costs associated with the ongoing day to day use of the computer are the responsibility of the borrower.
2. All equipment and software remains the property of the Computers for Special Needs Trust and must be returned when no longer used by the borrower for the purposes for which it was issued.
3. The equipment provided is for the exclusive use of the residents.
4. The borrower agrees to not use the computer equipment for any illegal purpose including the viewing and downloading of pornographic or obscene material.
5. All borrowers will have identified a support person prior to a loan being approved. In the event that this support person becomes unavailable, the borrower will identify a replacement person for this role.
6. All systems will have standard software installed. Software registered to the Computers for Special Needs Trust may not be copied or uninstalled (deleted). Borrowers may install additional software as required but are responsible for any costs associated with such installations. The Computers for Special Needs Trust will not be liable for any software installed by the borrower or the licensing thereof. No pirated software may be installed.
7. The Computers for Special Needs Trust does not accept any responsibility for virus contamination. Systems will be checked with up-to-date virus detection software prior to delivery.
8. The borrower is not permitted to add or remove internal components to or from computers. If such modifications are required, the trustees must be contacted and approval obtained for any such action.
9. The borrower is responsible for collecting and returning equipment from and to an address specified by the Computers for Special Needs Trust and for any associated transport costs. This includes return of any equipment for maintenance work or for replacement. Should a system need to be couriered to a borrower, a previously agreed sum of money for delivery must be paid before the system will be issued. Similarly, all costs involved in returning the system must be met by the borrower.
10. The Computers for Special Needs Trust will not be responsible for the training of users.
11. If the borrower changes address or telephone number such changes must be notified to CSN within 14 days.

12. An inventory of items of hardware and software will be taken before hand-over to the borrower (or the borrower's agent), who shall sign for receipt of the items borrowed. Returned items will be checked against this inventory and a receipt issued.
13. In the event that the borrower fails to return equipment and/or software when requested any costs associated with recovery of the equipment and/or software will be payable by the borrower.
14. In the event that the borrower fails to return all items issued or returns items of equipment in an unacceptable condition, the borrower shall pay an agreed sum in compensation.
15. The computer loan will be subject to an annual audit by a telephone call or a questionnaire letter. If the trustees are of the opinion that the borrower no longer meets the eligibility criteria, notice of recall of the computer system may be given. When the audit requires a written response, the completed documents must be returned within fourteen days.
16. The borrower grants CSN, or an agent acting on behalf of CSN, the right to access at any time such records held by others as are required to locate the borrower or facilitate the return of equipment.

Failure to observe these conditions may result in the loan equipment being recalled before the end of the agreed loan period, with an expectation that any damage caused or costs incurred will be made good at the borrower's expense.

Declaration

I have read and agree to the loan conditions detailed above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Borrower Details

Applicant name: _____

Address: _____

On behalf of: _____

Phone number: _____

Designation: _____

Equipment Details (This section to be completed by CSN prior to uplifting of computer system.)

I acknowledge receipt of the above items: _____

Date: _____



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Support Person Role Description

These are the expected responsibilities of a person acting in a support role to the borrower of a Computers for Special Needs loan computer.

The support person will provide assistance in the following areas as required:

1. Set up computer equipment in the Community Residence or other location where the computer will be located.
2. Establish an Internet connection if required, including ISP subscription, connection of computer to telephone or broadband network, setup of software.
3. Install additional application software if required.
4. Provide instruction on how to operate the computer. This may vary from providing initial instruction to providing an ongoing training programme according to the individual needs of residents.
5. Give instruction as appropriate, on security issues such as safe Internet use, virus protection, backup of important data.
6. Undertake routine maintenance tasks, such as replacement of ink cartridges.
7. Provide front-line assistance when problems of operation arise.
8. Provide front-line assistance to identify or rule out hardware faults.
9. Act as an intermediary to the Computers for Special Needs Trust in the resolution of technical issues.

The Support Person is not expected to:

1. Undertake any hardware repairs. Computers must be returned to Computers for Special Needs in the event of hardware malfunction.
2. Install any pirated software.
3. Install additional hardware component inside the computer case.
4. Modify any part of the operating system or installed software.

The Support Person understands that:

1. The Computers for Special Needs Trust does not provide direct user support. The role of the Trust is limited to providing loan computer equipment and software and arranging for the repair or replacement of faulty hardware.
2. The Computers for Special Needs Trust does not, under any circumstances, accept liability for any expenses incurred either by the borrower, support person or other party in relation to the loan computer.
3. Most support persons act in a voluntary capacity. However, in some situations it may be that the support person receives remuneration directly from the borrower, or from another party such as their employer. Any arrangement in this regard is completely separate to any agreements with the Computers for Special Needs Trust.



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Support Person Agreement

I will be providing support for:

_____ (Community Residence name)

Support Person's details

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Declaration

I have read the description of the Support Person role and agree to provide this service to the applicant named above for the duration of the loan period. In the event that I am no longer able to provide this support I agree to notify the Computers for Special Needs Trust immediately.

Signed: _____ Date: _____