



Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust

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Southland Assessment Options for Adults 2022

Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust has collated information of the dyslexia assessment options available in Southland for adults to use. Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust advises users of this form to exercise their own judgement when selecting an assessment option. While the information on this form is periodically updated, responsibility for accuracy lies with the providers of the assessments. The information provided is for reference purposes only. Learning Differences Aotearoa Trust is not endorsing any of these assessment options and have not investigated any claims made by the providers.

General Assessment information – Assessing for different types of learning differences. Dyslexia is the most common form of learning difficulty that is assessed. Assessing for dyscalculia is happening but it is not as common in New Zealand so there are less options available. Assessing for dyspraxia requires two different assessments as follows; • Global dyspraxia – one assessment for a specific learning difficulty (this is the one for dyslexia) plus an assessment from an Occupational Therapist

Some assessors who are completing the general dyslexia assessment will look at other learning difficulties and processing disorders that may be impacting on your study/work abilities and advise you of any further follow up that may be required.

Other important notes: Check with your tertiary or training institution if an assessment is needed. Some tertiary or training institutions have processes in place to support learners or have a process for their own assessment. Contact the Learning Support (it may be called Disability Support) office at your tertiary or training institution to find out more. If you have any question's please contact us at 027 201 6951 or support@learningdifferences.org.nz
Special Assessment Conditions (SACs) These are accommodations such as extra time and reader/writers that learners can get to help them with NCEA credits. Talk with the Learning Support office at your tertiary or training intuition for more information on this process.

Dyslexia

1. Karen Wards 'C' Grade Assessment

Cost: \$350.00

- Karen is based in Dunedin
- This assessment is used to formally identify dyslexia
- It is a manual test using Woodcock Johnson III and takes approximately two - three hours.
- The sessions can be split.
- At the end you will receive a written report that states if the person is dyslexic and general recommendations

Contact Karen Wards

The best option is to text on 027 716 0186

Alternatively, phone 03 467 2408 or email karenwards@gmail.com

2.The Reading Room / Learning Differently

Cost: \$250-00

Adele is based in Invercargill and has owned her own business, a 1-1 tutoring service for children and adults with a specific learning difference for the past 20 years.

Adele uses the Lucid Software Programs to identify learning differences such as Dyslexia/ADHD/Auditory Processing Disorder/Dyscalculia/ Dysgraphia, to name a few. Adele will give you an in depth written report from results acquired from the assessing.

Assessments take between 2hrs -2.5hrs

In light of the assessment results we can also offer a personalised programme to help the individual through their acceptance of the results by scheduling dyslexia awareness sessions with themselves and their workplace. We can also do 1-1 learning sessions with children for literacy, writing, and numeracy difficulties.

Contact: Adele Hibbs

(03) 2176871 or 0212544438 Email: office@thereadingroom.nz

Email: learningdifferently1@outlook.co.nz www.thereadingroom.nz

3. SPELD NZ

From \$650.00

SPELD NZ diagnostic assessments from \$650.00 for initial full diagnostic assessment (cognitive and educational) by a qualified professional.

SPELD NZ is a nationwide not-for-profit organisation that provides assessment, individualised one-on-one tuition and support for children and adults with dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities (SLD).

SPELD NZ assessors work with primary, secondary, tertiary and adult learners and their reports are accepted by NZQA for SAC (Special Assessment Conditions) for NCEA exams. Assessment can be face to face from age 6 and above or via Zoom if over the age of 10

To access SPELD NZ services, there is a membership fee of \$100 per family or \$50 for those with a Community Services Card. SPELD NZ continually fundraises to help subsidise the cost of assessment and lessons for those with evidence of low income.

Contact SPELD NZ at southern@speld.org.nz or 0800 773536. A free information pack and all the membership forms can be downloaded on every page of the SPELD NZ website www.speld.org.nz