



## iPad Loaning Information for People with Aphasia

### We hope that you find your iPad loan useful

iPad loaning is a Friends of AphasiaNZ service. The joining fee of \$25 (for a single person living alone) or \$30 (for a person with aphasia with a spouse/whānau) is used towards the costs of the programme, so that more people with aphasia can try an iPad.

### The loaning programme is primarily for people with aphasia who...



- Do not have their own iPad;
- Want to use the device for therapy, and self-directed practice;
- Want to see if an iPad is a good tool, before investing money in purchasing one.

iPads are loaned on a case-by-case basis. Priority is given to individuals without a device, but loans may also be approved for:

- Financial hardship
- Short-term trials (e.g. up to 2 months)

Decisions will be made in collaboration with the speech-language therapist, considering the individual's needs, goals, and available resources.

iPads don't help everyone. Some people find them frustrating!

But if you are using it regularly and your loan time is nearly up, we encourage you to think about what next **before** it needs to be returned.

If you decide that you want to get your own iPad, but finances are a barrier and you are not sure how you can afford to buy one, there are some options.

Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the loan time, or give you a new iPad loan. We want to help you find a **permanent solution**.



## Here are some ideas which may help...

### Buy a refurbished (like new) iPad

Refurbished devices are cheaper than new ones, and usually just as good. Apple sells refurbished devices, as do some local IT or computer stores. Have a look here:

- <https://www.apple.com/nz/shop/refurbished/ipad>
- <https://reebelo.co.nz/collections/tablets>

### Apply for funding

There are funding opportunities for people with disabilities. For example:

- Lottery Individuals with Disabilities  
<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-individuals-with-disabilities/>
- Mike Pero Foundation <https://mikepero.com/foundation/>
- Mazda Foundation <https://mazdafoundation.org.nz>

### Seek help from your community

What groups or clubs were you involved with prior to acquiring aphasia? Rotary? Lions? Your local church? Would the group run a fundraising event for you - a sausage sizzle or silent auction?

### Crowdfunding – Setting up a public page to raise funds

People can seek financial help online for things they need while recovering from or dealing with an illness or medical condition, or other situation which results in unexpected costs:

- Givealittle <https://givealittle.co.nz>
- GoFundMe <https://www.gofundme.com/en-au>

## FAQS about the loaning programme – for people with aphasia and spouses/whānau



### **My wife/husband has an iPad in our home. Can I still borrow an AphasiaNZ device?**

Yes, you may be able to borrow an iPad for up to 2 months to trial the language therapy apps. If we cannot loan you an iPad, we will support and assist you with ideas for apps/software to try. There are lite/free versions of some apps to “try before you buy”. Your SLT may be able to help make recommendations.

### **My iPad loan is coming to an end. I want to get my own device, but I do not have the money to purchase an iPad. What can I do?**

Have a look at the *iPad loaning information for people with aphasia* document for ideas, and feel free to contact us. As we cannot extend the loan time, it is better that you get in touch as early as possible.

### **I'd like my Father/Mother to trial an iPad, but they have never used one before and did not like using computers or technology before acquiring aphasia. Will it still help?**

Possibly not, and the device may end up being a cause of great frustration for those who are unfamiliar with technology. But please get in touch with us to discuss options and other ideas for therapy practice.

### **If I get my own device, I'm worried about setting it up how I like to use it. Can you help?**

Absolutely, AphasiaNZ can assist you with this. Either someone from the office or your CAA can help.

### **What my partner really needs is a communication tool or device. Can we use the AphasiaNZ iPad for this purpose?**

**AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication)** is TalkLink Trust's area of expertise. You can talk to your SLT or contact TalkLink to discuss options for communication tools. AphasiaNZ iPads are not loaned as communication devices. Contact TalkLink here: <https://talklink.org.nz>