



iPad Loaning for People with Aphasia

A Guide for SLTs and Professionals

AphasiaNZ loans iPads to Friends of AphasiaNZ with aphasia living in the community

- Who primarily do not have their own device;
- Who want to use the device for therapy practice;
- For up to 4 months.

To give more people with aphasia an opportunity to loan an iPad, we have updated our criteria. 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.

We **do not** generally do a **second loan** within a 12-month period i.e., if someone has borrowed a device and found it useful, we want to assist them to get their own device rather than provide another loan. We also **cannot extend** the loan period due to the large number of people wanting to access the loaning programme.

AphasiaNZ wants to help people with aphasia find a permanent solution to getting their own device if money/finances are a barrier to doing so.

Please see the information sheet ***“Here are some ideas which may help...”*** with some suggestions and options for self-funding.

The first step is for people with aphasia and spouses/whānau to join as Friends of AphasiaNZ by completing the online form here:

<https://www.aphasia.org.nz/aphasianz-resources/friends-of-aphasia/>

The fee for joining as a Friend is \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family (person with a spouse and/or whānau). When joining as Friends, people are offered the opportunity to also make a donation. AphasiaNZ is dependent on donations and grants for our work.

Before requesting an iPad loan for your patient/client, please review the checklist below:

My client/patient resides at home or in the community i.e., he/she is not an inpatient (in hospital or a rehabilitation facility)

YES

NO

My client/patient and his/her spouse or significant other (if applicable) has joined as a Friend of AphasiaNZ

YES

NO

I understand that there may be a waitlist for an iPad loan, and that an iPad may not be immediately available

YES

NO

My client/patient is wanting to borrow an AphasiaNZ iPad because they do not have their own device, they want to trial language therapy apps, or they are facing financial difficulty

YES

NO

My client/patient is wanting an AphasiaNZ iPad for therapy practice, and/or self-directed and/or supervised learning (not as an AAC device)

YES

NO

I will be involved for the four-month iPad loaning period.

YES

NO

I will explain the following to my client/patient:

- The iPad is to be returned to AphasiaNZ by the date stated in the loaning agreement,
- That if damaged, stolen or lost, the cost of repair or replacement will need to be paid to AphasiaNZ,
- The iPad is to be returned to AphasiaNZ as a tracked parcel or by courier and packaged well.

YES

NO

If you have answered YES to all of the above we can proceed with an iPad loan. See the loaning process flowchart on the next page.

If you are not able to support the person with aphasia for the entire loan period, please contact us to discuss the situation. SLT support is often essential for the person with aphasia to gain benefit from the apps.

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PWA becomes Friend of AphasiaNZ

Joining form completed and fee paid. \$25 (single PWA no spouse or people involved in recovery and/or daily life) or \$30 (PWA with a spouse/family member(s) involved in recovery and daily life)

Welcome pack sent to PWA including NZ Stroke and Aphasia Handbook to keep



SLT requests iPad loan

AphasiaNZ advises approximate time line for loan i.e. when the next iPad will be available

iPad is loaded with therapy apps by AphasiaNZ, as suggested by the SLT (*if appropriate*)

Loan agreement is prepared and sent to SLT and PWA: Signed by both and returned to AphasiaNZ



iPad is loaned to PWA

Upon receipt of signed loaning agreement, and when an iPad is available, an iPad is couriered to the SLT or PWA

SLT and PWA advised of approximate loan time (*maximum 4 months*)

SLT and/or PWA to contact AphasiaNZ if there are any concerns or questions about the iPad and/or apps by emailing admin@aphasia.org.nz or calling 07 220 9973



iPad is returned to AphasiaNZ

AphasiaNZ contacts SLT and/or PWA to advise iPad is shortly due for return

iPad to be returned to AphasiaNZ by courier, tracked parcel, or by other suitable means at the end of the loaning period

Cost of returning the iPad is covered by the PWA