Assistive Technology Info sheet

Leaving School

What happens to Ministry of Education funded assistive technology when a student leaves school?

When leaving school the assistive technology will either be:

* Returned to the Ministry of Education
* Requested to be gifted to the student for ongoing use
* Transferred to Ministry of Health responsibility (when over $5,000 depreciated value)

Unneeded items can be returned to us

If the student no longer needs the assistive technology, complete the [Transfer Form](http://education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/assistive-technology/forms-for-assistive-technology/) and return it along with the assistive technology to your local Ministry office.

Items requested to be gifted to the student

If the assistive technology has a current value of less than $2500 and is required by the student for ongoing education or work, the technology may be gifted.

Contact your local Assistive Technology Coordinator to discuss before completing a [Transfer Form](http://education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/assistive-technology/forms-for-assistive-technology/). Once agreed a letter confirming the assistive technology gifted will be signed by parents/ whānau or student.

Some items are transferred to Ministry of Health responsibility

If the assistive technology has a current value of more than $5000, it will become the responsibility of the Ministry of Health.

Contact your local Assistive Technology Coordinator to let us know that the student is leaving or for further assistance.

**Note:** When the assistive technology is transferred to the Ministry of Health or gifted to the student the Ministry of Education or school has no further liability for the safety or ongoing maintenance of the assistive technology.

If you have any queries, please contact the assistive technology coordinator at your local Ministry of Education office.