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Resource Teachers of the Deaf

Resource Teachers of the Deaf (RTDs) are specialist teachers who assess a child's needs in a classroom, one-to-one setting, or the child's home. They team up with other specialists to help teachers adapt their teaching to suit the child's needs.

RTDs work through Ko Taku Reo | Deaf Education New Zealand.

In 2019 the Kelston Deaf Education Centre in Auckland and the Van Asch Deaf Education Centre in Christchurch merged to become one national organisation, Ko Taku Reo.

Ko Taku Reo can provide specialist teaching, advice and guidance, assistive technology and NZSL support to Deaf and Hard of Hearing students enrolled in their local mainstream school. Services available are:

- [Resource Teachers of the Deaf](#)
- [Outreach services](#)

Ministry of Education information on Advisers on Deaf Children (AoDCs), Resource Teachers of the Deaf (RTDs), as well as other services and supports.

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Community agencies

These organisations provide support for Deaf learners and those who are hard of hearing, as well as providing advice for teachers and families:

- ✓ [Deaf Aotearoa](#)
- ✓ [Deaf Children New Zealand Tamariki Turi o Aotearoa](#)
- ✓ [Keeping an eye on your child's hearing](#)

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NZ Sign Language resources



NZSL@School

NZSL@School provides a range of support to schools, deaf students and parents/whānau, in addition to any other special education support deaf students receive, to help schools understand and provide learning environments that meet the learning, communication and cultural needs of deaf students who use New Zealand Sign Language.

Publisher: Deaf Education New Zealand | Ko Taku Reo

[Visit website](#)



Thumbs Up! An introduction to New Zealand Sign Language

An introduction to New Zealand Sign Language that supports teaching and learning NZSL as an additional language in English-medium schools for students in years 7–8.

[Visit website](#)



Learn NZSL

Learn NZSL is a free learning portal. Watch, learn and practise how to use NZSL in common situations.

Publisher: New Zealand Sign Language

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New Zealand Sign Language dictionary

A multimedia, multilingual reference tool. You can search by: English/Māori word, visual features of the sign and more.

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Useful resources



The cochlear implant school toolkit

Information, tips, and strategies to help teachers to include and support a child with a cochlear implant to succeed in the classroom. It contains three sections: preparing for school-entry, challenging situations, after school-entry.

Publisher: KDH Research & Communication

[Visit website](#)



Deaf Aotearoa's resources

Online videos and other resources available for learning NZSL and about the Deaf Culture.

Publisher: Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand | Tāngata Turi

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