

## Assistive Devices

There are many assistive devices available to deaf and hearing impaired people. Below is a list of the most common devices. New devices are always coming out, so keep a look out!

### Alarm Clocks



There are a number of different alarm clocks to help wake you up. They use a combination of strobe lighting, vibration and sound.

### Baby Monitors



Baby monitors alert deaf/hearing impaired parents to the cry of their baby.

## Assistive Listening Devices

[www.hearwell.co.nz](http://www.hearwell.co.nz)  
breaking the sound barrier  
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### Listening Devices

We have available for purchase a range of personal listening devices to assist the hearing impaired.  
Visit our premises and test-drive these devices for yourself first-hand.

Click on an image below for further information.

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INFRA-RED IS-380	MUSIC LINK DOUBLE	MUSIC LINK SINGLE	RNID CRYSTAL LISTENER REDUCED IN PRICE

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  - RNID Crystal Listener  
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  - RNID Sonido Digital Listener  
NEW PRODUCT
- Telephone Amplifiers
- Telephones
- Tinnitus Devices

There are a number of different Assistive Listening Devices to assist you to hear the television, stereo, mobile phone, CD Player, MP3, etc.

### Bluetooth Loop Set

This device allows you to link your bluetooth capable mobile phone to the telecoil on your hearing aid without the need for direct wired connection. This will enable you to hear your mobile phone better.



## Captions



Captions show spoken words and sounds as written words on television programmes, videos, DVDs and movies. They are for people who are deaf or hearing impaired. Captions describe what is happening on the sound track. The colour of the caption and its position shows who is speaking. Captions are also called closed captions.

<http://www.captioningnz.co.nz>

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This is where you'll find all you need to know about the captioning of New Zealand television for viewers with deafness.

For example, you might not know that...

- > 90% of prime-time programmes on TV ONE and TV2 are captioned;
- > over 200 hours of New Zealand television go to air with captions every week, including several children's programmes;
- > you can get captions for a selection of programmes on channels TVNZ 6, TVNZ 7 and TV3.

TVNZ Captioning is dedicated to providing the best quality captions possible. We put a great emphasis on correct grammar and spelling, so captions can even be used to help new learners of English or anyone learning to read.

Use this website to...

- > view our latest publications
- > check out listings of captioned programmes
- > find our more about our history
- > increase the reach of your commercials by getting them captioned

Read the VADEC article on **Captions**:  
<http://www.vanash.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=17>

## Captioning Access New Zealand



Sign up and CANZ will email you the weekly list of captioned movies at selected cinemas in the main centres.

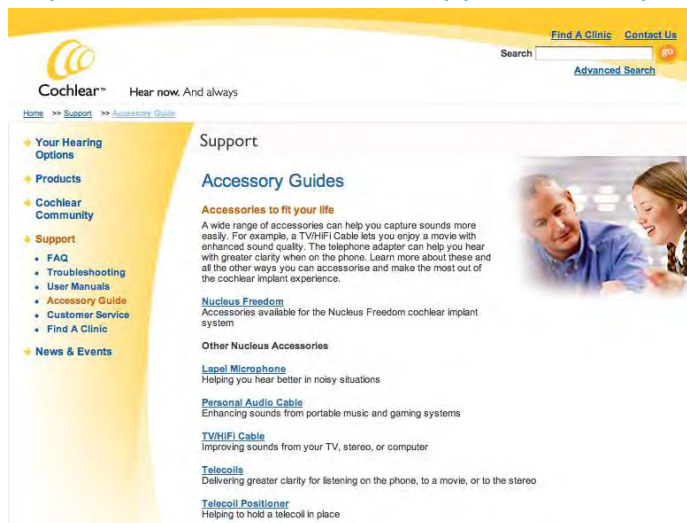
<http://www.captionmovies.co.nz/index.php>

## Cochlear Implant Accessories Online Accessory Guide



A wide range of accessories can help you capture sounds more easily. For example, a TV/HiFi Cable lets you enjoy a movie with enhanced sound quality. You can connect directly to your GameBoy, CD player, tape player, two-way radio, or to any battery-powered, portable music or gaming system. The Personal Audio Cable transmits straight to your implant, improving sound quality. It has mini jacks on each end, so hooking up to a portable system's headset jack is simple. The telephone adapter can help you hear with greater clarity when on the phone. Learn more about these and all the other ways you can accessorise and make the most out of the cochlear implant experience.

<http://www.cochlear.com/Support/608.asp>



## Deaf Paging Systems



Paging systems alert you to visitors at the door, telephone and fax calls, smoke alarms and a baby crying.

Transmitters pick up the sounds and send radio signals to a receiver: a vibrating pad, an audible and flashing light receiver or small portable pocket pager with indicators to represent the noise source.

## Smoke Alarms for Deaf



Smoke Alarms are available to alert you to smoke or a fire in your house. Some like the Shake and Wake have a vibrating pad to wake you up.

## Doorbell Signalers



You can install a doorbell signaler to alert you that someone is at the door. Some systems connect to the lights in your house so that they flash when the doorbell is pressed.

There are also portable door chimes with receivers that vibrate.



## Email



You can use any computer with a connection to the internet to send emails, photos or video clips to people anywhere in the world who also a computer with an internet connection.

Read the VADEC article on **Technology at Home:**  
<http://www1.vanash.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=8>

## Fax Machines



You can send a written message within seconds to anyone in the world who also has a fax machine. Read the VADEC article on **Technology at Home**: <http://www1.vanasch.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=8>

## Hearing Aid Accessories

### Battery Testers



### Batteries



### ITE earmould sealent and lubricant



### Skin care cream for the hearing aid users ears



## T - Link for Mobiles



The T Link can be used with a wide range of mobile phones from most manufacturers. The Single (1) or Dual (2) Ear Hooks simply fit behind the ear and plug into the jack on your mobile phone and when you activate the telecoil (T Switch) on your hearing aid, you get noise free speech. A built in microphone gives you hands free operation.

## Telephones Telephone Amplifiers



Telephone amplifiers are available that connect to your existing telephone to give greater amplification (make sound louder).

## Amplified Phones



There is a range of corded/cordless amplified telephones available for a mild hearing loss up to a severe/profound loss.

## Telephone Relay Service New Zealand Relay Service

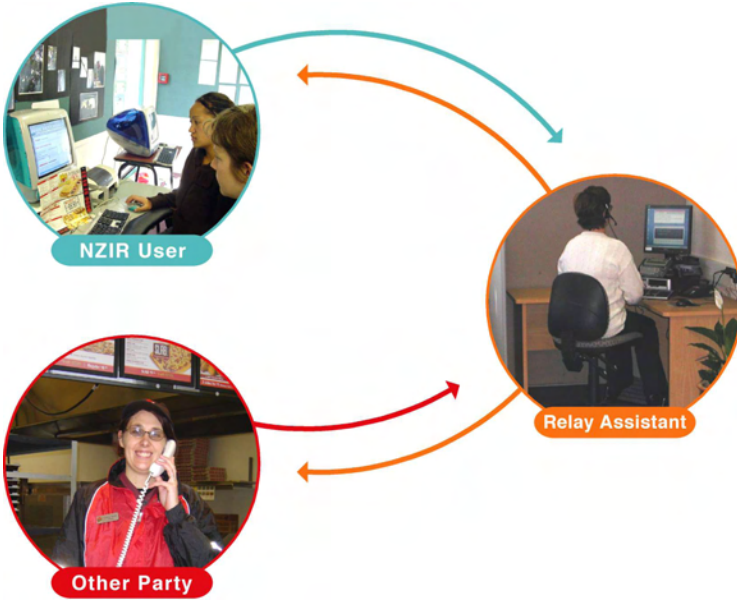
New Zealand Relay (NZ Relay) is telecommunications for people who are Deaf, hearing-impaired, deaf-blind, or speech-impaired. You can use NZ Relay to make telephone calls to anyone who has a phone.

The Relay Assistant voices everything you type and types everything you say.

[www.nzrelay.co.nz](http://www.nzrelay.co.nz)

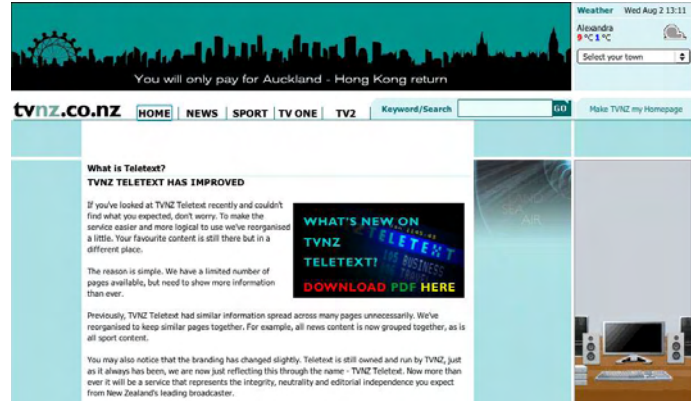
Read the VADEC article on **The New Zealand Relay Service**:

<http://www.vanasch.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=15>



If you have a television with Teletext you can get TVNZ Teletext news and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/view/page/827246/938851>



Read the VADEC article on **TVNZ Teletext**:

<http://www.vanasch.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=21>

### Telephone Signallers/Ringers



Telephone signallers can alert you in a number of ways to an incoming call. They may make your telephone ring louder or flash a light or have a vibrating pad alert you or page you via a vibrating pager. Some signallers offer a combination of some of these features.

### Teletext



### TTY



The TTY, telephone device for the deaf, or text phone can give you access to the telephone using a small keyboard with a screen. Mini TTY's are now available that you can plug into your cell phone so that you don't have to be at home to access the telephone. If you wish to call a person with a TTY you can call them any time. If you wish to call a person without a TTY you can use your TTY to call New Zealand Relay who will call make a relay call for you.

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## Video Calling on 3G Cell Phone



You can make video calls on a 3G cell phone to other people who have 3G phones. You can see the person you are talking to on the screen. This will allow you to have signed conversations with other people using a 3G phone in the same town, country or many countries around the world.

Read the VADEC article on **Video Calling**:  
<http://www.vanasch.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=19>

## Video Phones



Video phones allow you to make video calls to other people who also have a video phone. You can see and sign to the person you are talking to. A broadband connection is required to operate a video phone.

There are a number of companies now providing a video phone service in New Zealand.

## Watches



Watches are available with vibrating alarms.

## Text/email on Cell Phone



You can send written text messages to anyone with a cell phone. If you are buying a new cell phone and think you may want to be able to plug a TTY into it, ask if this feature is available, before you buy it.

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<http://www.vanasch.school.nz/literacy-readingpieces.php?id=8>

## Resources:

### DeafQuip

DeafQuip provides electronic solutions for Deaf and hearing impaired people. Products can be purchased online.

<http://www.deafquip.com.au/content.asp?pageid=21432&xid=1&orgfn=home-page>

DeafQuip are committed to providing innovative electronic solutions for Deaf & hearing impaired people. With 20 years experience we have a wealth of knowledge to solve most issues within the workplace or home with innovative off the shelf products or our technical team can manufacture one off devices to suit many applications. Products can be purchased online easily with a choice of payment options. **Before making your choice please choose below, your pricing in AUS or NZ dollars**, you can expect to receive your goods 3 - 6 days after order confirmation.

NZ customers call us freecall on 0800 DEAFQUIP (33237847)  
AUS customers call us on 07 5451-0199

## Deaf Association of New Zealand Equipment:

Equipment Assessments is part of the service provided by those service co-ordinators who are registered assessors. Deaf people can apply for equipment if they meet the criteria set by the Ministry of Health. You may apply for fax machines, alarm clocks, telephone devices for the Deaf (TTY), baby alarms and flashing lights for the door.

<http://www.deaf.co.nz/index.php>

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Te Roopu Turi o Aotearoa

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**Hearing Association Website:**  
View the online catalogue of assistive devices.  
<http://www.hearinginfo.co.nz/catalogue.php>

The screenshot shows the 'Hearing Association Christchurch' website. The header includes 'Registered under the Charities Act 2005'. A navigation menu has 'Devices & More' selected. The main content area features an 'Online Catalogue' section with a sub-header 'Alerting Devices' and a description: 'Products to assist the hearing impaired by providing visual clues or vibrations. Call to make an appointment for demonstration of any of these products.' There is a 'Click here to see products' link. To the right, a 'Books & DVDs' section also has a 'Click here to see products' link. A sidebar on the left lists various device categories like 'Alerting Devices', 'Books & DVDs', 'Clocks', etc. A cartoon character in a speech bubble says 'Speak a little slower.' at the top right.

## Hearing Therapy Services

Hearing therapists can assess your hearing needs, provide information about hearing aids and other equipment, teach you how to improve communication and help you get the equipment you need.

Ph: 0800 008 011

Fax: (04) 499 5853

[www.life.nzl.org](http://www.life.nzl.org)

The screenshot shows the 'LIFE Unlimited' website. The header features the logo 'LIFE Unlimited To Ao Mārama' and navigation links for 'Accessibility', 'Site Map', and 'Disclaimer'. A 'Change Font Size' control is visible. The main navigation menu includes 'Who is LIFE Unlimited', 'Hearing Services', 'Needs Assessment Service Coordination', 'Māori Disability Services', and 'Courses, Assessments, Information & Equipment'. The main content area has a 'Welcome' section with text about the organization's mission and vision. Below this are three columns of images: 'WAIHO I TE TOIPIOTO KAUA I TE TOIROA' with the text 'LET US KEEP CLOSE TOGETHER, NOT WIDE APART.', 'EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN LIVES.', and 'Accessible Showhome' and 'Multi Sensory Room'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Email', 'Print Page', and a search box.

## Video Phones

[www.mv2.co.nz](http://www.mv2.co.nz)



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