# Technology Access Fund for Learners - Application Form

Tertiary Education Organisations (TEOs) must use this form to apply for funding under the Technology Access Fund for Learners (TAFL)

* You may apply for funding if you:
  + meet the [eligibility](https://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/fund-finder/technology-access-fund-for-learners/eligibility/) criteria for the TAFL fund;
  + can demonstrate learner need; and
  + can demonstrate how you will prioritise funding towards your vulnerable learners most in need of support to access technology-enabled tertiary education.
* All TAFL eligible TEOs may apply for funding, including TEOs that have previously received a TAFL allocation.
* Applications will be assessed on a weekly basis until the middle of June 2020. Beyond this, we may adjust the frequency of application assessment based on the volume of applications and amount of funding still available.
* As there is limited funding available, applications will be prioritised against an assessment framework. Please only request the funding that your TEO requires.
* **Please send completed forms to:** [customerservice@tec.govt.nz](mailto:customerservice@tec.govt.nz)
  + Subject line: [Your Edumis] – Technology Access Fund Application

## Have you previously received funding from the TAFL?

**Yes** Please complete Sections 1, 2 and 3.   
If you would like to update your Learner Technology Support Strategy (LTSS), you may use section 4 to do this.

**No** Please complete Sections 2, 3 and 4.

## Section 1 - Additional funding

If you are applying for additional funding (i.e. you have already received funding) under the TAFL please answer these questions.

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| Ref. | Question | Response |
| TAFLA 1.1 | How much of your existing allocation have you spent at the date of your application? | Existing allocation: $  Amount spent: $ |
| TAFLA 1.2 | What have your spent your allocation on so far?  (*Provide a high level summary)* |  |
| TAFLA 1.3 | Why do you require additional TAFL? |  |

## Section 2 - How many learners at your TEO require support?

* Use this table to indicate how many learners at your TEO need support to access technology-enabled tertiary education. This will help us to allocate an appropriate amount of funding to you. It doesn’t need to be precise.
* All learners counted here must be [eligible to receive TAFL](https://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/fund-finder/technology-access-fund-for-learners/eligibility/).

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| Ref: | Nature of support | Total number of learners that require support. *This can be backdated to 23 March 2020 if you have already purchased learner support that meets TAFL conditions.* | Estimated cost |
| TAFLA 2.1 | Internet connectivity |  |  |
| TAFLA 2.2 | Devices |  |  |

## Section 3 - Do you require funding for other related support?

Answer this question if you require funding to purchase related support that is not the direct purchase of devices or internet connections for learners. Any related support must directly build your learners’ capacity to access technology-enabled tertiary education and training.

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| Ref. | Description of other related support | Estimated cost |
| TAFLA 3 |  |  |

## Section 4 – Learner Technology Support Strategy

* The purpose of the Learner Technology Support Strategy (LTSS) is to help us to understand how you intend spend your TAFL allocation, and ensure that assistance is provided to your learners which need it the most.
* If you have already completed and returned a LTSS you do not need to fill out this section, however if you want to update your LTSS you may do so here.
* If you want to update your LTSS at any other point, you can use the [LTSS template on the TEC’s website](https://www.tec.govt.nz/funding/funding-and-performance/funding/fund-finder/technology-access-fund-for-learners/monitoring-and-reporting/).

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| Ref. | Questions | Your response |
| TAFLA 4.1 | How are you identifying which learners need assistance with accessing technology-enabled learning? | Suggested limit: 150 words |
| TAFLA 4.2 | How are you prioritising which learners receive assistance with accessing technology-enabled learning?  Funding priorities are:   1. vulnerable learners 2. learners most in need of additional support to access technology-enabled tertiary education 3. learners who face technological and skill barriers to accessing technology-enabled tertiary education. | Suggested limit: 300 words |
| TAFLA 4.3 | How does your organisation plan to use the TAFL funding?   * What do you plan to purchase? * How do you plan to purchase it? * How will you ensure efficient and effective use of the funding? | Suggested limit: 300 words |
| TAFLA 4.4 | How will you ensure TAFL funding is ring-fenced for TAFL purposes, how will you keep track of costs incurred, and how will you ensure funding is used in compliance with the funding conditions? | Suggested limit: 150 words |
| TAFLA 4.5 | Additional information – please add anything else you would like to tell us to support your application. |  |