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what you need to know

Rāpare 16 Paengawhāwhā 2026
Thursday 16 April 2026



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new webpage – young partners of working age clients

the way you support partners of working age clients is different to other young people

Some of our young people in Youth Service are in a relationship with someone receiving a working-age benefit (for example, Jobseeker Support). Their partner is called the “primary” client and their shared payments are managed through Work and Income.

Young partners need to be supported with meeting their youth activity obligations, applying for some payments and general tasks. However, there are also some things you cannot help partners of a working age client with. The primary client would need to apply on behalf of the couple through Work and Income.



For more detailed information please refer to the new page on the provider website!
[young partners of working age clients | Youth Service providers](#)



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anzac changes to payments

some young people will be paid early, make sure they know how it works



If a young person's regular payment day falls on a public holiday, they'll be paid early – this includes payments onto payment cards for taiohi on Money Management. Because of Anzac Day, only taiohi who are normally paid on a Tuesday are paid earlier

Normal Payment Date	Revised Payment Date
Tues – 28/04/26	Sat – 25/04/26
Wed – 29/04/26	No Change
Thurs – 30/04/26	No Change



Taiohi will need to report any changes in MyMSD that will affect their payments (for example, wages or bank account details) on the week of 20 April by **Thursday 23 April 10pm.**

Normal Extract Date	Revised Extract Date
Fri – 24/04/26	Thurs – 23/04/26

Make sure taiohi understand that this is NOT an extra payment or a permanent change

Their payments will go back to their regular payment day the next week.



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winter energy payment is starting soon

the winter energy payments runs from 1 may to 1 october

The Winter Energy Payment is an extra payment to help with the cost of heating in a young person's home over the winter months.

Young people receiving Youth Payment or Young Parent Payment don't need to apply, they'll get the Winter Energy Payment automatically along with their other regular payments from us.

Payment rates for Winter Energy Payment:

- \$20.46 for singles
- \$31.82 for couples



Find out more here:
[Winter Energy Payment |
Work and Income](#)



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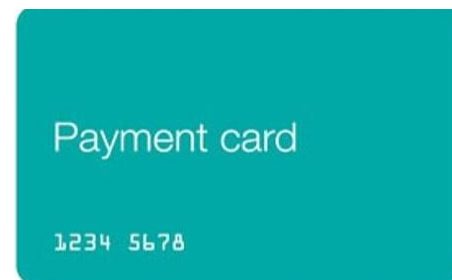
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drop-in recap: money management



until taiohi learn how to budget or age out they must be on money management

While taiohi are receiving financial assistance, everyday costs and essential bills are directed from their benefit. Whatever is left over is split between a weekly allowance of up to \$50 and their payment card.



Some payments are exempt from money management, they are paid straight to a young person's bank account:

- [Disability Allowance](#)
- [Child Disability Allowance](#)
- [Flexible Childcare Assistance](#)
- [Unsupported Child's Benefit](#)
- [Orphan's Benefit](#)
- [Training Incentive Allowance](#)

eLearning and further information on Money Management:

[money management eLearning | Rise 360](#)
[money management webpage | Youth Service providers](#)

Coming off Money Management:

Young people must attend and complete an approved budgeting programme, show good financial judgement, as well as participating in budgeting conversations for three months. They will also be eligible for a budgeting incentive payment. Learn more: [incentive payments | Youth Service providers](#)

Please note taiohi must have not had any sanctions in the last 6 months.



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upcoming drop-in sessions

drop-in to meet other youth coaches and learn about youth service

obligations and sanctions Tuesday 21 April, 10am

Young people who receive a payment have youth activity obligations. A tool that can be used to make sure young people meet these obligations is sanctions.

In this session, we will dive into what the youth activity obligations are, and when you should consider using sanctions.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

service performance Tuesday 5 May, 10am

Service performance standards are checks we use to make sure young people are getting the right level of support.

In this session, we will go over:

- how those standards work
- what they look like in action
- how to add information in ART.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

induction for new coaches Wednesday 6 May, 10am

In this drop-in session we'll cover:

- how legislation and policy determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- where to find information to help you in your role.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

full drop-in schedule

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