



youth service
ratonga taiohi

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what you need to know

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2-8 Aukute

TE REO MĀORI KŪKI 'AIRANI

Me kite koe i te tuatua i to'ou
reo tupuna, e turanga rangatira tena
nō'ou no te uki amuri atu

BACK ROW: Vaine Pukeiti, Torutiane Pukeiti MIDDLE ROW: Teremoana Rima, Teina Karena, Gabriel Karena, Taa Karena
FRONT ROW: Kelsy-Anna Unuka, Kimiora Aratangi, Niko-Jay Unuka Hawaiiki Brown
Photographed outside the Cook Islands Christian Church, Waihopai, Invercargill

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we will embrace the future

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new webpage – interpreting service

help to support taiohi who prefer to communicate in a language other than english



The service Connecting Now uses qualified interpreters to help you and the young person communicate clearly. A telephone interpreting call usually involves three people: you, the young person and the interpreter. The young person may also have an agent or support person with them.

Connecting Now provides telephone interpreting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You can use:

- on-demand telephone interpreting when you need an interpreter straight away
- pre-booked telephone interpreting for an appointment at a set time
- pre-booked video interpreting
- pre-booked interpreting for languages that aren't available through the automated phone system.



Check out the webpage for more info here
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cook islands māori language week 2026

kia orāna! celebrate cook islands māori language week from 2-8 august



The 2026 theme for Cook Islands Māori Language Week is **Me kite koe i te tuatua i to'ou reo tupuna, e turanga rangatira tena nō'ou no te uki amuri atu** – With our language as our foundation, we will embrace the future.

Get stuck in and have a go using some common phases in Cook Islands Māori!

Common Phrases

Kia orāna	Greetings / Hello
Kia orāna kōtou katoatoa	Greetings to you all
'Aere rā / 'Aere atu rā	Goodbye to those who are leaving (only if it applies)
'Ē no'o rā / No'o ake rā	Goodbye – to those who are staying (only if it applies)
'Inē?	Please
Meitaki	Thank you
Tatarā'ara	Apologies / Sorry
Inā / Inā ake ana	Excuse me

Click here for a brief guide for reading and speaking the Cook Islands Māori Language
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drop-in recap: obligations and sanctions

missed the drop-in or need a recap? you've come to the right place!

Youth Activity Obligations are the things that young people agree to do when they apply for Youth Payment or Young Parent Payment.

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When taiohi meet their budgeting, parenting and education obligations consistently they can earn **incentive payments**.

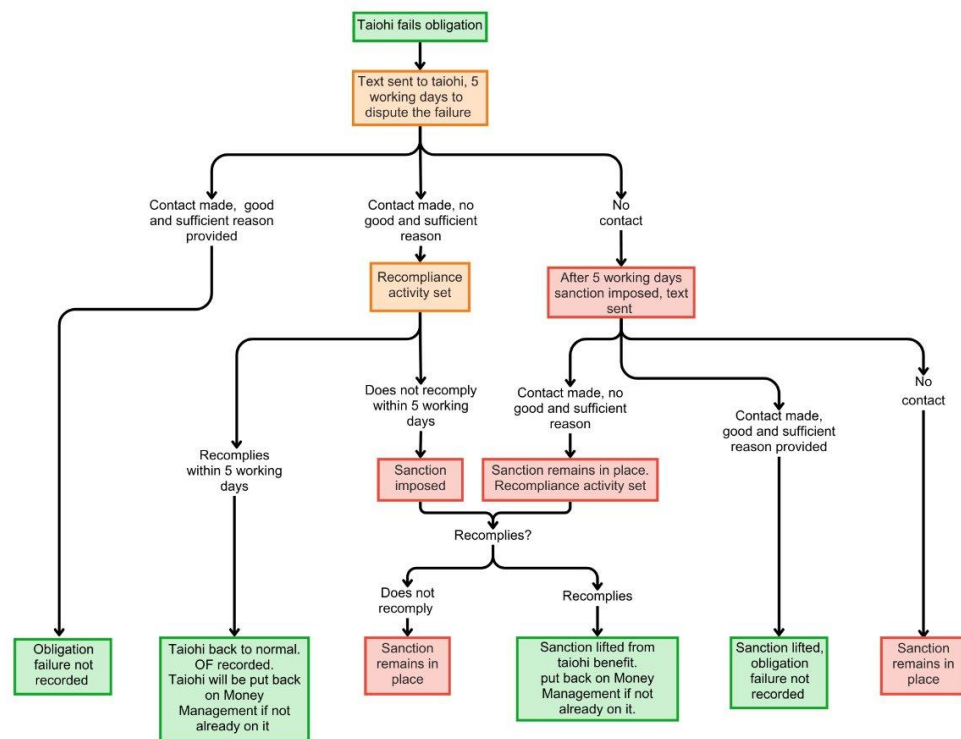
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They can get a **full or partial exemption** from their obligations if they can't do them for a period of time.

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If a young person doesn't do what they've agreed to do, you might **recommend an obligation failure**. You can see how that process goes in the diagram. The sanctions depend on what grade of obligation failure

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upcoming drop-in sessions

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

incentives

Tuesday 4 August, 10am

Young people who consistently attend education, complete a budgeting programme and manage their money well, or do the parenting things they've agreed to, can get weekly incentive payments.

We'll go over what the incentive payments are, how they work, and what you need to do to help young people get them.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

induction for new coaches

Wednesday 5 August, 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.

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full drop-in schedule

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