

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

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Thursday 22 October 2026



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TE GAGANA TOKELAU

Ke mauaka taku gagana
Tokelau i taku aganuku

My language is enriched and
strengthened by my culture



Back row: Toni Tekie, Sione Ikahihifo, Samasoni Paulo
4th row: Lennox, Jeremiah and Xavier Faamoe-Idane
Middle row: Selina Mulder, Senia Nikolao, Meli Iaseto, Kōletī Ikahihifo
Sitting: Aiona Tuinukuafē, Mathias Ratten, Hinaliana Iaseto, Malia Ikahihifo
Front row: Hehale Ratten, Akenese Faamoe-Idane
Ōtepoti Tokelau community, photographed at St Patrick's centre, Dunedin

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Pacific Peoples**
Te Manatū mō ngā Māori o te Māori-mu o-ā-ā

updates coming to medical reviews for some taiohi

changes to renewing medical certificates and information



From 30 November 2026, MSD is making a change to the medical and reviews process. This change may affect taiohi who need to renew their medical certificate or provide information to continue receiving Disability Allowance or Child Disability Allowance.

Key things to know:

- If taiohi need more time to get a new medical certificate or update information, they need to contact their youth coach **before** their medical coverage expires.
- In most cases, we won't be able to grant an extension **after** the review date.
- Some taiohi who get Child Disability Allowance may need to provide some more information at their next medical review if they haven't provided us with a medical certificate or other information before.

Taiohi affected by this change will be contacted early to mid-November.

The image shows two forms from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) in Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora. The top form is the 'Disability Allowance medical certificate' and the bottom form is the 'Child Disability Allowance medical certificate'. Both forms are for health practitioners to complete. The Disability Allowance form includes sections for client details, disability details, and work and income. The Child Disability Allowance form includes sections for client details, child or young person's details, and disability or medical condition information. Both forms have a 'WORK AND INCOME' section at the bottom.



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changes to education activities in art

improving how we capture the education journey of taiohi in reporting



These changes will better capture when a young person is engaged in education, provide a fuller picture of what they're doing, and help track how long they have been engaged in education. This is also important when calculating incentive payments.

Tips for coaches:

- Keep the activity open while the young person is still enrolled and engaged in education, training, or work-based learning.
- If they finish one qualification and move straight into another, complete the first activity and start a new one for the new qualification.
- Close the activity when the young person leaves, withdraws, finishes and does not continue, or moves to a different school or provider.



Closing and reopening an activity when taiohi moves from Year 12 to 13



Keeping the activity open when they are enrolled at the same high school



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supporting taiohi to enrol to vote

let's get those numbers upppppp



Did you know that 166,000 people aged 18 to 24 are not enrolled to vote? These taiohi make up the second largest voting population in Aotearoa. Wild, right?

But what can I do, you ask? Well, if you haven't already, please encourage your taiohi to enrol to vote so their voices are heard.

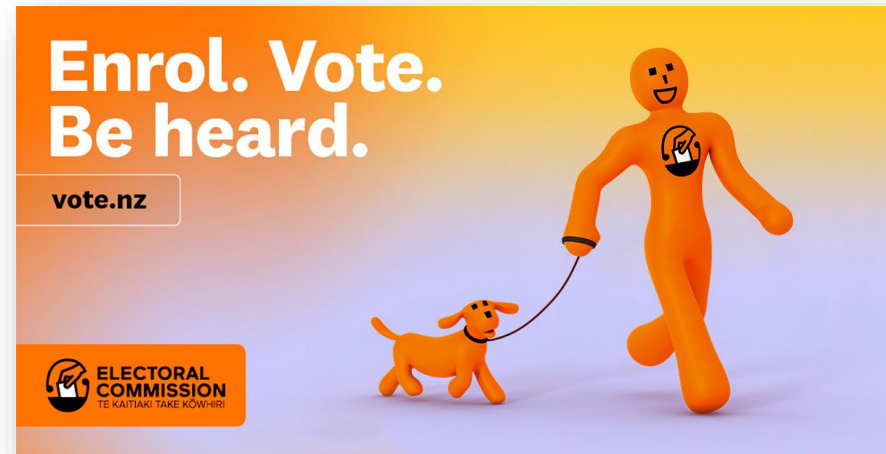
They have until midnight Sunday 25 October, to enrol in the 2026 General Election.

Enrol or check you are enrolled here:

[Enrol or update online](#) | [Vote NZ](#)

For taiohi Māori there are two roles to choose from

Learn more about the Māori roll and the General role here: [What is the Māori Electoral Option?](#) | [Vote NZ](#)



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feedback survey for parental assistance test learning

let us know any thoughts, feelings or feedback you have about the training

Have you completed your online training session for the upcoming changes to Jobseeker Support eligibility for 18 and 19 year olds? If so, we'd love you hear from you!

Please take a few minutes to complete our feedback survey. Your insights help us understand what worked well and how we can continue to improve future training.

You can access the survey through this link:

<https://www.youthservice.govt.nz/patfeedback>



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drop-in recap: tahatū – career practice hub

check out the career practice hub for support with career pathway planning conversations

Looking for resources to support career conversations with taiohi? The **Career Practice Hub | Pokapū Tikanga Aramahi** offers practical tools, activities, and best-practice guidance to help youth coaches support taiohi with education, training, employment, and future pathway planning.



Best practice – Ngā mihi pai rawa

Develop your career practice by exploring capability building resources.



Activities – Ngā mahi

Discover activities to help people explore their career options and plan their future.



Programmes – Ngā hōtaka

Discover career programmes designed to support career education and development.

Click the
links to
learn more



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upcoming drop-in sessions

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



no drop in
Tuesday 27 October, 10am

With Labour day on Monday, we won't be having a drop-in this week!



programme fund
Tuesday 3 November, 10am

Programme Fund can be used to help taiohi pay for things that will improve their employability, education or wellbeing.

It's for things that will help them reach their goals in their Youth Service plan that can't be accessed through other payments, like hardships.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

induction for new youth coaches
Wednesday 4 November, 10am

This session covers basic information about Youth Service, designed for new youth coaches.

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](#)

We've added the drop-in sessions for the rest of the year to the Youth Service website.
Have a look at what's coming up: [Drop-in sessions](#) | [Youth Service providers](#)



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