

Ratonga Taiohi Pānui

what you need to know

It's Rotuman Language Week!

Noa'ia 'e maʻuri gagaj 'atakoa / Greetings everyone!



NZSL Week – You can sign too!

Monday 8 to Sunday 14 May is New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) week. The theme for 2023 is, 'Together we can make NZSL thrive.'

It's a great opportunity to learn some new things and to give signing a go!

Check out the video from **Jon Tai-Rakena** the Deaf NZSL Week Hero



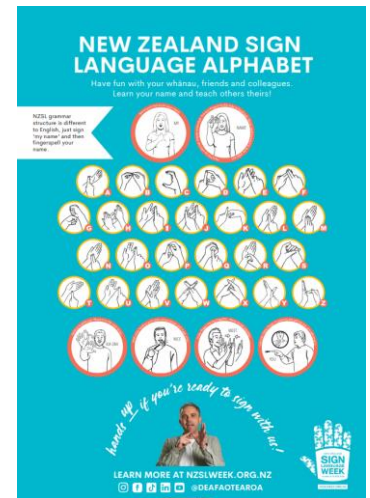
<https://nzslweek.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/NZSL-week-Jon-22March-1.mp4>

For a fun challenge try sign singing along to Six60's Pepeha Song challenge!



<https://nzslweek.org.nz/nzsl-challenges/nzsl-pepeha-song-challenge/>

Get some great NZSL resources from the [NZSL week website!](https://nzslweek.org.nz)



Privacy Week 2023

The theme for Privacy Week 2023 (8 – 14 May) is ‘Privacy rights in the digital age’



There’s great free webinars this week being held by the Privacy Commission covering topics like artificial intelligence, finding love in a digital world, and Māori data sovereignty.

You can see the full list of online webinars on the [Privacy Commission’s website](#).

You can watch yesterday’s webinar on social services and why personal information should be considered taonga on the Privacy Commission’s [YouTube channel](#).

Liz MacPherson, Deputy Privacy Commissioner, and Dr Claire Achmad, CEO of Social Service Providers Te Pai Ora Aotearoa answer questions like *what are the rules around privacy when a child is in danger?* and *what core basics should social service providers know to keep client data private?*

One week until Youth Week: 15-21 May

‘Rangatira mo āpōpō? Rangatira i tēnei ra! Leaders of tomorrow?’



Youth Week is just around the corner!

Here's just a few ideas for how you can get involved!

- Post what's happening using [#youthweeknz23](#)
- Add your events to the Youth Week calendar
 - [Submit your event here](#)
- Encourage young people to participate in the TikTok challenge (all entries from rangatahi who live in or whakapapa to Aotearoa go in the draw for a \$500 prize)
- Share Youth Week comms and put up [posters](#) around your tari
- Celebrate any young kaimahi or volunteers in your organisation (community, philanthropy or government)
- Celebrate [Pink Shirt Day](#) on Friday 19 May
- Upskill in youth development by exploring Ara Taiohi resources around [Mana Taiohi](#), and especially those relating to young people leading ([whai wāhitanga](#))



youth service
ratonga taiohi



MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

Spotlight on hardship assistance

This week our drop-in was on hardship assistance

Here's a quick refresh on what was covered...

**Hardship payments are a one off payment for the cost of a need that is essential or immediate
They can be recoverable or non recoverable - depending on the type of payment and what it's paid for**

There can be times that taiohi may need a little extra help to purchase a **one off** item that they are unable to afford the upfront cost of or need to meet the cost of a specific situation – like emergency housing.

Hardship assistance includes advance payment of benefit, special needs grant, housing support products and recoverable assistance payment

1. Work out what the young person's hardship need is – what's happened and what's changed?
2. Check if the young person is receiving their full and correct entitlement (FACE)
3. Cover all the details in the notes:
 - What has happened?
 - What is different from the previous week?
 - Was there an essential expense?
 - When is their next benefit payment?
 - What will be the risk if I do not assist with this hardship?
 - Do they meet the qualifications for the hardship?

Check out the [eLearning module on hardships](#) to refresh your knowledge

drop-in sessions (online)

Our drop-in sessions focus on the technical aspects that are unique to our service. Each week we focus on a different aspect on Youth Service.

All drop in sessions are held online via Microsoft Teams.

If you'd like other sessions or topics covered, email us at ystraining@msd.govt.nz.

Date	Session	Teams Link
10:00am Tuesday 16 May	needs and activities	Click here to join the meeting
10:00am Tuesday 23 May	transitional housing	Click here to join this meeting
10:00am Tuesday 30 May	notes	Click here to join this meeting

[View the full schedule here](#)

how did today's Youth Service update land with your team?

We're always keen to improve.

If you have any thoughts, feedback or suggestions get in touch with us at:

national_youthservice@msd.govt.nz

Want more information?

Make sure you check out our Youth Service provider website:

<https://providers.youthservice.govt.nz/>



youth service
ratonga taiohi

SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
HIATO ORA