

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

Rāpare 27 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2024



Pictures from the Taranaki regional youth coach hui

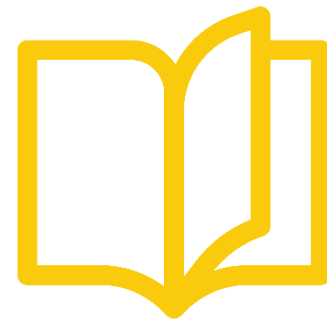
youth service experience survey closes soon

get young people to fill in the survey for a chance to win 1 of 3 sweet \$50 prezzy cards

We want to hear what taiohi think about Youth Service so that we can celebrate successes and identify and resolve pain points.

Please reach out to the taiohi you work with and encourage them to fill in the survey. It's how we measure service satisfaction, and it helps us see what's going well and what isn't.

Young people can visit
www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthServiceNZ
to fill in the survey



The survey closes
5pm Monday 2 December



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fees free final year from 2025



taiohi may be able to claim a fees free entitlement payment after they complete the final year

From 2025, Fees Free will help eligible learners with the cost of tertiary education – **up to 1 EFTS of provider-based study, 24 months of work-based learning, or \$12,000** of their final year's fees.

Taiohi can visit feesfree.govt.nz for more info on eligibility and claiming Fees Free entitlement through Inland Revenue. Fees free will impact on Training Incentive Allowance.

Fees Free and Training Incentive Allowance

Taiohi will need to choose how they'll fund their course fees in their final calendar year. You'll need to talk with these taiohi about their options and help them make an informed decision.

They could choose to:

- use TIA for course fees in their final calendar year. If they do this, they won't be eligible for any Fees Free, including for future qualifications.

or

- fund their course fees in their final calendar year in another way (like a Student Loan) and then apply for Fees Free provided they complete their study.



Taiohi can still use TIA for their other costs (like travel, childcare, and stationery), in their final year, without impacting their eligibility for Fees Free.



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international day of persons with disabilities

to mark the occasion, you could check all eligible taiohi are receiving disability allowance

Next Tuesday is International Day of Persons with Disabilities – a timely reminder to check taiohi with disabilities are receiving the payments that they are eligible for.

who can get it

Taiohi can get Disability Allowance if they:

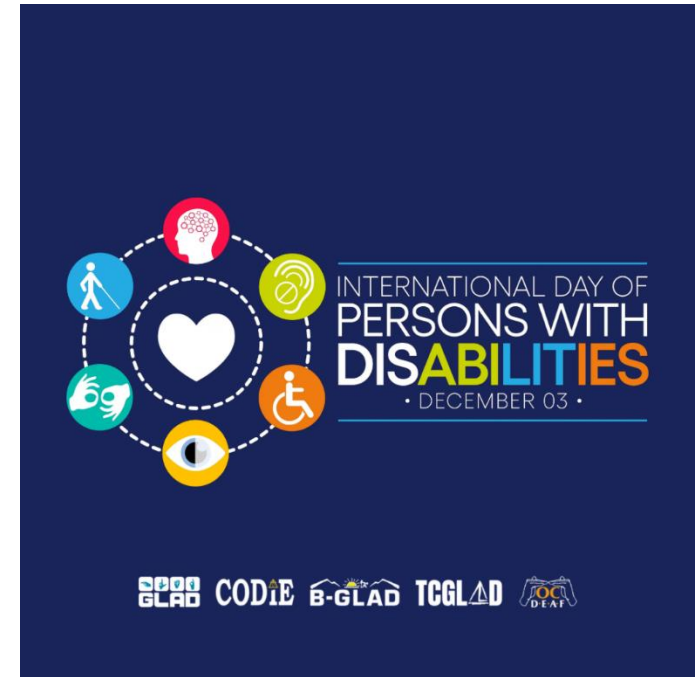
- have a disability that is likely to last at least 6 months
- have ongoing costs because of that disability that are not fully covered by another agency.

what they can get

The rate is determined by the costs they have. They can receive up to \$78.60. If they care for a disabled child, they may also be able to get Child Disability Allowance.

learn more

You can find information about Disability Allowance and Child Disability Allowance here:
[supplementary assistance](#) | [Youth Service providers](#) and [extra assistance](#) | [YS eLearning](#)



Only 0.5% of taiohi are receiving Disability Allowance – this means that a lot of taiohi may be missing out on payments that could help them.



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reminder: equivalent qualifications



remember, young people can do nzqa certificates or cambridge qualifications instead of ncea

You'll know that one of our contractual guidelines is for young people to have obtained or be working toward at least NCEA level 2 or equivalent – but do you understand what is equivalent?

equivalent qualifications

We can also recognise [Certificates on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework](#) or [Cambridge qualifications](#).

When adding a certificate or a Cambridge qualification in ART list it as the equivalent NCEA level.

When in doubt, check it out – you can find all this information on the Youth Service provider site here: [appropriate education, training and work-based learning | Youth Service providers](#)

NCEA level	Equivalent options
NCEA Level 1 60 credits at any level (1, 2 or 3) Plus 10 Literacy or Te Reo Matatini credits, and 10 Numeracy or Te Pāngarau credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Certificate at Level 1 that is on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework, or• a University of Cambridge International Examination qualifications sat in year 11.
NCEA Level 2 60 credits at level 2 or above Plus 10 Literacy or Te Reo Matatini credits, and 10 Numeracy or Te Pāngarau credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Certificate at Level 2 that is on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework, or• a University of Cambridge International Examination qualifications sat in year 12.
NCEA Level 3 60 credits at level 3 or above Plus 10 Literacy or Te Reo Matatini credits, and 10 Numeracy or Te Pāngarau credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• or a Certificate at Level 3 that is on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework, or• University of Cambridge International Examination qualifications sat in year 13.



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drop-in recap: full and correct entitlement

tips for how to check taiohi are receiving their full and correct entitlement

Know the young person's situation

Do they see doctors regularly? In a relationship? Have kids in childcare? Make sure you know what barriers their lives are – they may be able to access payments that could help them.

Learn about the available Supplementary Assistance

Knowing about what the different payments are for will help you to ask the right questions and make sure young people are receiving the payments that they are eligible for. Learn more here: [extra assistance](#) | [youth service providers](#)

Check what young people are getting

If you want an overview of your caseload, ask your manager about getting a Full and Correct entitlement report. You can use this to check what young people are currently getting.

Check what they may be able to get

Contact YSSU and ask them to do a DREW assessment or use the [check what you might get tool](#).



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payments over the christmas period

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

If a young person's regular payment day falls on a public holiday, they will be paid early.

Check out the table to see the revised payment dates.

! 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 after the Christmas and New Year public holidays.



Christmas week

Expected payment date	Revised payment date
Tues – 24/12/24	No change
Wed – 25/12/24	Tues – 24/12/24
Thur – 26/12/24	Tues – 24/12/24

New Year week

Expected payment date	Revised payment date
Tues – 31/12/24	Tues – No change
Wed – 01/01/25	Tues – 31/12/24
Thur – 02/01/25	Tues – 31/12/24



solomon aelan pijin langguis wik



halo, it's the first ever solomon islands pidgin language week

The theme this year is '**Protektim langguis an kalsa blong yumi**' – *Protect our language and culture*.

To celebrate, here are some words and phrases to try:

Halo – Hello

Mone – Good morning

Aftanun – Good afternoon

Gud naet – Good night

Hao nao yu? – How are you?

Mi orate – I'm fine

Visit [Solomon Aelan Pijin Langguis Wik | Ministry for Pacific Peoples](#) to learn more and check out what's going on in your area



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upcoming drop-in sessions

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



transfer to work and income Tuesday 3 December 10am

Ideally, young people will leave Youth Service for education or employment, but sometimes that doesn't work out. When a young person doesn't have anywhere else to go, they can transfer to a working age benefit.

In this session, we will cover what that process looks like and answer any questions you have.

Join via [Teams](#)

induction for youth coaches Wednesday 4 December, 10am

in this drop-in session we'll cover:

- the legislation and policy that determines how youth service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service an overview of the Activity Reporting Tool (ART), and
- where to find information to help you in your role.

Come along to learn and connect with other youth coaches.

Join via [Teams](#)

summer prep Tuesday 10 December 10am

Over the Christmas and New Year period some things work a bit differently. Payment dates may be brought forward, emergency housing can be granted for 21 days, there is an obligation grace period, and applications can get extensions.

Come along to learn about these changes and ask any of your questions.

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These are the last three sections for 2024! We will be uploading the 2025 schedule soon.

[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)



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