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what you need to know

Rāmere 31 Hōngongoi 2025

Thursday 31 July 2025



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
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TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

TE REO MĀORI KŪKI 'AIRANI EVERYDAY



3 - 9 August



Ministry for
Pacific Peoples

Cook Islands Māori Language Week

2025 PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS

changes to how we assess board payments



collecting boarder information to prepare for the changes to how income from boarders is treated

What's changing?

From 2 March 2026, payments from all boarders will be included when we:

- calculate how much young people who have boarders can get for housing subsidies (eg Accommodation Supplement or Temporary Additional Support), and
- calculate how much rent young people with boarders will pay for Income Related Rent (IRR) in a public housing property

This change means young people who receive income from boarders may get paid less for housing subsidy or pay more for Income Related Rent.

From 4 August 2025, we'll send people an email or letter if they get a housing subsidy from us or live in public housing.

From Monday, young people with boarders can now upload their boarders payments information to MyMSD, or their youth coach can add it in ART.

We'll ask for their:

- name and address
- boarder's name
- boarder's date of birth, if known
- boarder's contact details, and
- board payment amount.

Board payments are either:

- payments for accommodation and food paid by someone who is not on the tenancy agreement, or
- payments by someone living in public housing who is not on the tenancy agreement and is not the tenant's partner or dependent child.

Join us for a quick drop-in session on
5 August 2025 10am



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drop-in recap: incentive payments

paid at \$10 per week, available for budgeting, education and parenting

Budgeting

To earn this, a young person must complete 3 months of budgeting conversations **and** successfully complete a budgeting programme.

Education

To earn this, a young person must complete six months of active participation in education, training or work-based learning.

Parenting

To earn this, a young person must complete an approved parenting programme and:

- enrol their child with a Primary Health Organisation
- keep up to date with WellChild checks
- ensure their child attends Early Childhood Education or other suitable childcare while they are in education.
- have engaged in three months of regular parenting discussions with their assigned Provider.

Approved programmes: [budgeting and parenting programmes](#) | [Youth Service providers](#)



The young person will continue to receive their incentive payments until:

- they are no longer eligible for Youth Payment, Young Parent Payment or have youth activity obligations, and their payments are cancelled.
- their payments are sanctioned because they have failed to comply with their activity obligations, or
- YSSU stops an incentive payment because the young person is intentionally acting in a way that is inconsistent with the purpose for which the incentive payment was granted.



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WE WANT
YOUR!
FEEDBACK!

We'd love to hear your feedback on our
weekly Youth Service update!

We have created a short survey, please take a few minutes
to complete it.

Your feedback will help shape any changes we make to
these updates. The goal is to keep improving so you're
getting the information and support you need to do your
awesome mahi!

To complete the survey, visit
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBFK5NW>



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are you ok campaign



Everyone deserves to feel safe in their relationships. At **Are You OK** provide easy to access and relevant information for people seeking support for family violence in New Zealand. Those worried about safety in their relationship or their supporters can understand their situation better and find pathways to immediate help.

- Most people experiencing abuse talk to a **friend or family member first**, not a service.
- Many informal supporters **don't know what to say or do**.
- This campaign encourages us to **ask our loved ones if they're OK**—as a simple act of care and friendship.

If you or someone you know is affected by family violence, support is available 24/7:

- Helpline: 0800 456 450
- Webchat & Info: areyouok.org.nz



Share the video with your whānau, friends, and networks—
someone might really need to see it.



24/7 Helpline
0800 456 450

Understand
unsafe relationships

Get Support
for you or someone else

Find resources
information and support



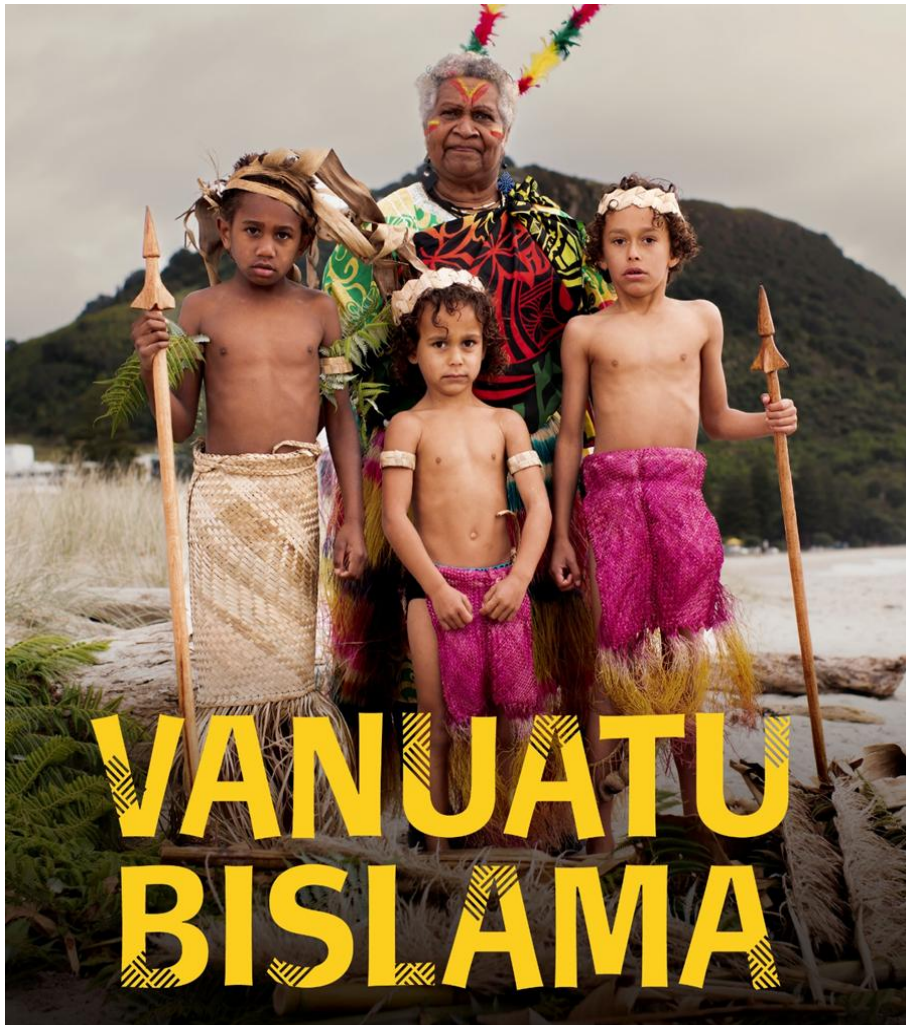
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vanuatu language week

The 2025 theme for Vanuatu Bislama Language Week is **'tokabaot klaemet jenj – hemi ril mo yumi mas lukaotem laef - talk about climate change – it is real, and we must look after life'**



Common Phrases

Halo	Hello
Tata	Goodbye
Plis	Please
Tankyu	Thank you
Sori	Sorry
Yu oraet?	are you ok?
Nem blong yu?	what's your name ?
Nem blong mi _	My name is _
Yu blong wea?	where are you from ?
Mi blong _	I am from
Yu wok wea?	Where do you work?
Mi wok long _	I work at _



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call for help – celebrating te wiki o te reo māori

we're looking for people who are keen to host (or cohost) a session to celebrate te reo māori!

We want to pass the mic over to you during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori to lead an online session to celebrate with our wider Youth Service team across the motu.

The session can be anything that you're keen to lead or co-lead with kaimahi from other providers. Some ideas could be a quiz, a waiata session, a presentation, or anything else that comes to mind!

**The session will be held online during
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, 14-21 September.**

Interested or have any questions?
Contact us at ystraining@msd.govt.nz

Whakarongo | Listen

Kōrero | Speak

Ako | Learn

Tākaro | Play

Pānui | Read

Waiata | Sing



14–20 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
Māori Language Week
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upcoming drop-in sessions

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

tips and tricks from yssu and changes to boarders income Tuesday 5 August, 10am

We've got some updates to share around boarders and income for the Accommodation Supplement.

After that, our YSSU team will cover helpful tips, tricks, and advice on how to best support young people when submitting tasks.

[Join the teams meeting](#)

induction for youth coaches Wednesday 6 August, 10am

In this drop-in session we'll cover:

- what determines how Youth Service operates
- who delivers 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 new youth coaches.

[Join the teams meeting](#)

education spotlight – tertiary education commission Tuesday 12 August, 10am

We will have people from Tertiary Education Commission to share insights and updates on their current priorities and initiatives, helping youth coaches better support rangatahi into education and training pathways.

[Join the teams meeting](#)

You can find the full drop-in session schedule on our provider site
[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)



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