

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

Rāmere 16 Kohitātea 2025

**Wellington
Anniversary Day**



22 Jan

Nelson Anniversary Day



3 Feb


6th OF FEBRUARY
WAITANGI
★ DAY ★

27 Jan



let's check in with our young people!

With the start of a new year, there's no better time to connect with our young people and ensure they're set up for success in 2025.

Whether they're gearing up for the new school year or working towards personal and work goals, your ongoing engagement can make all the difference!

There are **1,286 young people** we haven't connected with recently.

Over 50 of them haven't been in touch for a few months.

This is a great opportunity to re-engage, provide encouragement, and help them stay on track with their dreams and aspirations.

Contact us at national_youthservice@msd.govt.nz if you have any questions or need help. **Together, let's empower our young people to achieve their goals in 2025!**

How to check Your Contact Overdue or Youth Service Plan Review Overdue

To get started, follow these simple steps:

Log in to ART.

Navigate to:

Clients >> Current Enrolments >> Administration Checklist >> Contact Overdue // Youth Service Plan Review Overdue.

Or open the CSV file to work on the data in Excel.

Why regular check-ins matter

Regular check-ins are key to ensuring our young people stay engaged and motivated. They allow us to celebrate their progress, identify any challenges, and provide the support they need to thrive. Every conversation has the potential to empower them to take the next step toward achieving their dreams.

Remember: These tasks should be **cleared by the end of each month** to ensure we effectively meet the needs of all our young people.



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fees free final year from 2025



taiohi may be able to claim a fees free entitlement payment after they complete their 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](https://feesfree.govt.nz) for more info on eligibility and claiming Fees Free entitlement through Inland Revenue. Fees free will impact the use of Training Incentive Allowance for course fees.

Fees Free and Training Incentive Allowance

Taiohi who are eligible for Training Incentive Allowance 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 Training Incentive Allowance for other costs (like travel, childcare, and stationery) in their final year, without impacting their eligibility for Fees Free.



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help for back-to-school costs

young people receiving a payment can get help for the things they need for school

Schools and courses will be starting back soon, and young people may need a bit of extra help to pay for things like stationary, books, uniforms and digital devices.

It's that
time !!



For young people receiving a payment

Young people may be able to get an advance of benefit payments to cover these costs. To apply, submit a task to YSSU.

Task category: Hardship Assistance
Task type: OTHER

If the young person is applying for school costs through OfficeMax, they must contact OfficeMax for a quote reference. Add the reference number to the ART task.



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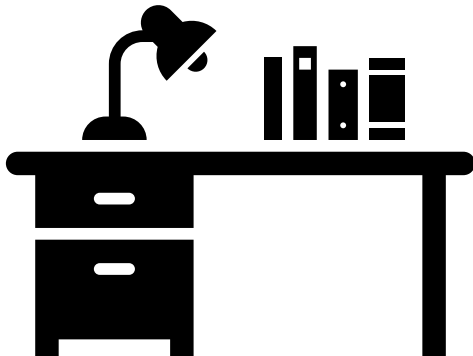
training incentive allowance

TIA is a top-up to make things easier for taiohi while getting a qualification

For young people receiving Young Parent Payment

Young parents may be able to receive a Training Incentive Allowance (TIA) to help with costs while they study, to help pay for things like childcare, transport, books and equipment

- **they won't have to pay it back!** They'll still get your benefit and other entitlements – it just gives them extra money to help pay for the things they need to study.
- TIA is available **for all courses at levels 1-7** of the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.
- the course must be a recognised course of study – i.e. funded by the Tertiary Education Commission or the Ministry of Education.



[for more information about TIA click here](#)

The study they're doing also needs to:

- increase skills for employment
- be 12 weeks or more

They'll need to provide details of the course and the education institution they'll be studying at.

Taiohi can apply for TIA up to 28 days before the course starts

To apply, fill in the [application form](#) and submit a task to YSSU.

Task category: Reviews

Task type: Training Incentive Allowance (TIA)



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Keep an eye out for an invite...

...to share an update with our national office team at our week team hui

We're a team of 7 overseeing Youth Service nationally, working in the MSD national office with MSD teams like Finance, Policy, IT, and YSSU.

We want to hear from you! We'd love to hear from you and learn about what's happening in your space. Let's connect, collaborate, and celebrate together!

Each week we'll invite a different Youth Service provider to join us, we will let you know in advance.

why join our hui?

- Share updates on your mahi, projects, or initiatives.
- Highlight challenges and get collective ideas
- Celebrate successes and let us know how we can support you.

details:

- **when:** Monday
- **where:** Online
- **duration:** 10 minutes



Thank you for being a part of Youth Service this year
We hope you get the opportunity to fill your cup doing the
things you love with the people you love

realising the dreams and aspirations of youth
tau awhitia te taiohi, ka puta ki te wheiao

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