

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

Rāpare 26 Poutū-te-rangi 2026
Thursday 26 March 2026



**international transgender
day of visibility**
31 March

your stories: auckland job fair, organised by lifeskills

read about the jobskills fair, organised by lifeskills that happened this month

17,000 job seekers in Tāmaki Makaurau registered for an Auckland Job fair organised by Lifeskills in partnership with One NZ Warriors.

The fair put jobseekers in the room with around 100 different employers so they could have a chat, be introduced to an unimagined career option, and apply on the spot.

Youth Service providers from across the super city came with their young people and to talk about their services.

In terms of results, we know that a lot of young people had great conversations with employers, some were invited back for further interviews – and at least two have already landed a job!

Our NEET assessors Rose and Neta were there to support providers with live enrolments, strengthened relationships with employers and community organisations.



Pictures of our NEET assessors with kaimahi from Lifeskills and Counties Manukau Sport

annual general adjustment

payment rates will increase on 1 april

The Annual General Adjustment will happen on **Wednesday 1 April**.

This means that most of our financial supports (including benefit payments, and income and asset limits) will increase.

Youth Payment rate from 1 April

Category	Net weekly rate (after tax at "M")	Gross weekly rate
Single, 16 to 17 years	\$324.50	\$367.88
Couple (total)	\$633.94	\$717.50
Couple (each)	\$316.97	\$358.75



Young Parent Payment rate from 1 April

Category	Net weekly rate (after tax at "M")	Gross weekly rate
Solo parent, 16 to 17 years, living with or supported by parents	\$300.86	\$339.22
Solo parent, 16 to 19 years	\$521.52	\$606.69
Couple with 1 or more children (total)	\$669.40	\$760.48
Couple with 1 or more children (each)	\$334.70	\$380.24
Couple with 1 partner not on benefit and 1 or more children (total)	\$334.70	\$380.24

Remember – benefits are paid in arrears

This means young people will receive a partial increase on the week of 7 April, and a full payment at the increased rate on the week of 14 April.



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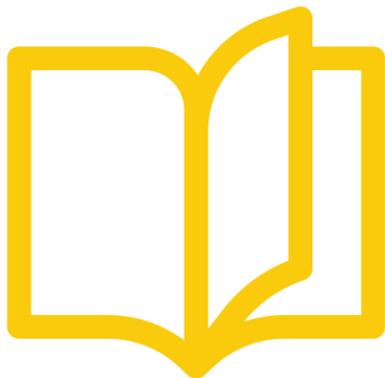
make sure you are up to date with your admin

service performance reporting is shared with msd senior leadership at the end of each quarter

Now is the time to check that our recording in ART is up to date.

Make sure you've recorded:

- **the contact** you've had with taiohi within the last 30 days
- their goals and agreed actions in their **Youth Service plan** in the past 90 days
- their **education status** correctly – have you made an education activity for all taiohi in education? Are there any taiohi that you need to reconfirm that they're still in education?
- **NCEA qualifications** that have been achieved.



BENEFIT GRANTED	Benefit application granted
YOUTH SERVICE PLAN	Plan has not been reviewed v
CONTACT	Contacted on 16/03/2026 C
OTHER ACTIVITIES	- Youth coach engagement - - Youth coach engagement - - Youth coach engagement - - Youth coach engagement -

EDUCATION	Full-time
BUDGETING	Budgetin
DRIVER LICENCE	Client ha

NCEA LEVEL 2	Client achieved NC
NCEA LEVEL 3	The highest Qualifi

Quick tips – Use the checklists

On a young person's overview page you can find the Administration, Milestone, and Success checklists. Check that 'CONTACT', 'YOUTH SERVICE PLAN', 'EDUCATION', and 'NCEA LEVEL 2' are green.

message from yssu: whiteware

making sure taiohi get the service that they should with a whiteware grant

Did you know that the approved range of appliances includes:

- a minimum 2-year warranty
- deliver and install the appliance
- Removal of your old appliance (if it's clean and empty).

If an appliance in the approved range is on sale, the sale price is also available to you.

The sale price won't include the cost of delivery, installation, and removal of packaging and the old appliance, so that would be added.

Learn more

[Whiteware | Work and Income](#)

[Hardship assistance | Youth Service providers](#)

[Whiteware eLearning | Youth Service providers](#)



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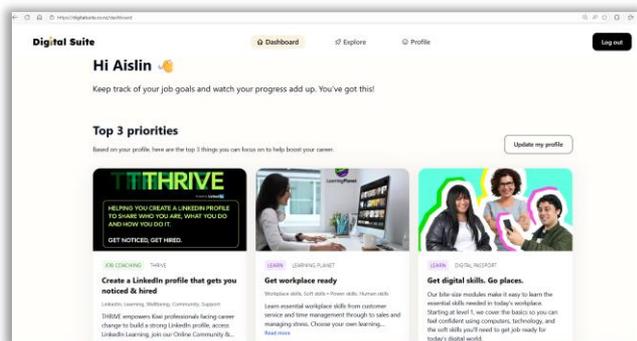
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drop-in recap: digital suite

missed the drop-in? don't worry, we'll share our notes

Digital Suite now has all services with one login

Visit <https://digitalsuite.co.nz/> to sign up.



There are lots of different programmes

Core skills, industry pathways, coaching and mentoring, improve wellbeing, VR training.....



Want to learn more?

See the presentation [Digital Suite | Youth Service providers](#)

Visit <https://digitalsuite.co.nz/>

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upcoming drop-in sessions

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

induction for new coaches Wednesday 1 April, 10am

In this drop-in session 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](#)

no drop-in sessions 31 March & 7 April, 10am

Due to the easter public holidays, there will be no drop-in sessions on 31 March & 7 April.

Have a hankering to learn?
Check out our eLearning modules [Index of lessons | Youth Service providers](#)



money management Wednesday 14 April, 10am

In this drop session we'll cover:

- the purpose of Money Management
- setting up redirections
- using the payment card
- the suppliers' list and adding new suppliers
- how to help taiohi come off Money Management.

[Join the Teams meeting](#)

full drop-in schedule

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