

# ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

**Rāmere 23 Whiringa-ā-nuku 2025**

Thursday 23 October 2025



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The Lifeskills and the Auckland Regional team in the Lifeskills HQ in Māngere



# digital suite upgrade



## find a range of digital programmes in one place

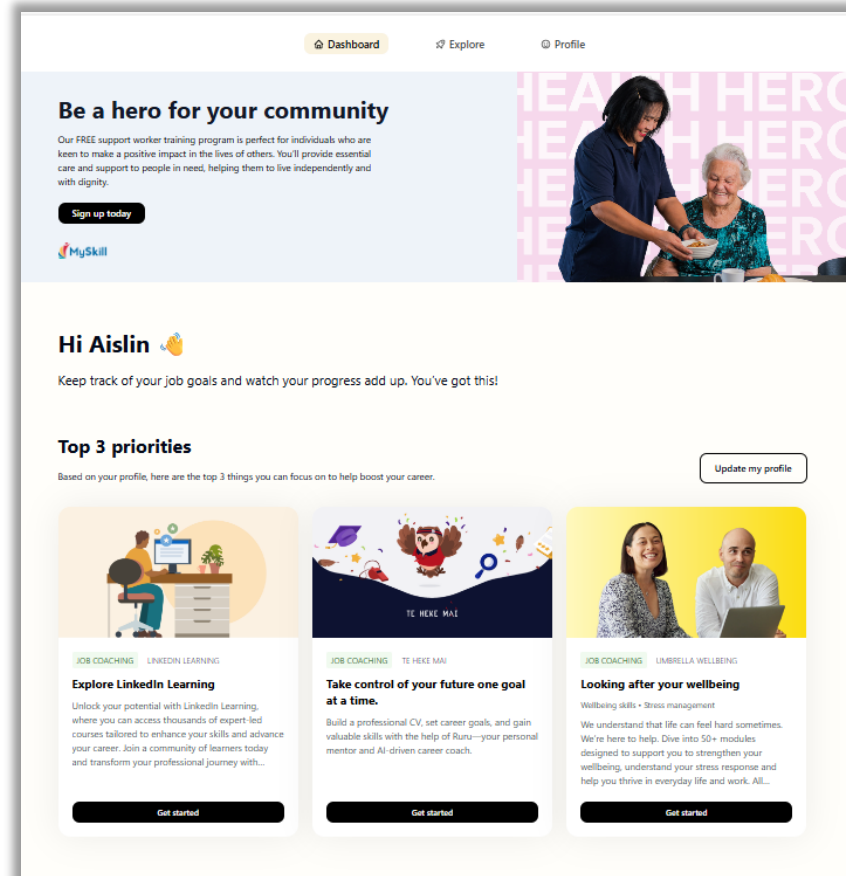
Our Digital Suite is a range of programmes that help taiohi find work or get ideas for their next education opportunity through learning and improving their skills. All programmes are free and mostly fully online. There's a new development for Digital Suite – a single sign-in hub so users can access all programmes in one place!

## Selling points for digital suite

- taiohi who aren't sure what education they want to get into can find some little taster courses
- taiohi who are heading towards work can get skills to put on their CV
- taiohi can get support with their wellbeing
- taiohi can learn about all sorts of topics that they're interested in.

Check it out at

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



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# labour day changes to payments

changes need to be reported early, and taiohi paid on tuesdays will be paid early

The Labour Day public holiday is coming up on Monday 27 October, this day changes when affecting payments need to be reported by and some payment dates will be earlier.

**Taiohi will need to report any changes in MyMSD that will affect their payments** (for example, wages or bank account details) the week of 27/10, so they are done by **today 10pm** (Thursday 23 October) usually this is on Fridays.

Taiohi who **normally get paid on a Tuesday will be paid on Saturday 25 October**. Make sure they understand that this is not a 'bonus payment'.



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# drop-in recap – programme fund

programme fund is available to help taiohi pay for things that help them improve their wellbeing, engage in education, or prepare for employment

## Who can get it

The programme fund is available to young people fully enrolled in the NEET service or receiving YP or YPP.

## What can they get

They can get up to \$500 (excl GST) per year to pay for things that help them to achieve the wellbeing, education, or employment goals they've made in their Youth Service plan.

### It does not cover:

- things covered by hardship
- everyday costs
- lsv expenses
- overseas travel (including passports)
- costs funded by other agencies



## Learn more

[programme fund | Youth Service providers](#)



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# what's changing for board payments in november

we're preparing to change the way we treat board payments from 2 march 2026

## From 3 November

MyMSD boarder/renter declaration forms will pre-fill for people whose boarder information has been processed. This will make it easier for taiohi and other MSD clients to update their boarder information.

## From 11 November

A second email will be sent to taiohi and MSD clients who may be affected by this change, and who have not declared boarder/renter information. This is to give them the opportunity to provide us with the correct information before the change takes place.

## Learn more

[young people with boarder or renters | Youth Service providers](#)



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# upcoming drop-in sessions

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

## no drop-in Tuesday 28 October

There will be no drop-in session this week.

See you next week.



## yssu spotlight Tuesday 4 November, 10am



Kaimahi from YSSU will lead this informative session filled with inside knowledge on things like:

- how they approach tasks
- application tips
- change in circumstances, reviews, hardships
- contacting them, and
- more general tips and tricks.

Got a question already? Feel free to send it through to [ystraining@msd.govt.nz](mailto:ystraining@msd.govt.nz).

**Join the teams meeting**

## induction for new youth coaches Tuesday 5 November, 10am



In this drop-in session we'll cover:

- how legislation and policy determines the way Youth Service operates
- the people and teams that help deliver Youth Service
- where to find information to help you in your role

You'll also get to meet some other new youth coaches and be able to ask us any questions

**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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# realising the dreams and aspirations of youth

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