

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

Rāmere 11 Paenga-whāwhā 2025



the traffic light system and jobseeker profiles

young people who go on to a working age benefit will need a jobseeker profile

From 26 May 2025 it will be mandatory for young people transitioning to Jobseeker Support or Sole Parent Support to have a Jobseeker profile.

Youth coaches will need to support young people to make sure the Jobseeker profile is completed before sending the supporting documentation to YSSU.

If this is not completed, YSSU will not transfer the young person to the relevant main benefit and will push the task back to the youth coach.

Last year, we shared with you a little bit about the traffic light system [here](#).

From 26 May **all** young people will see what colour they are at in the traffic light system in MyMSD. You'll see a banner when they are at orange or red in ART.

We will soon be sending out some eLearning for you to complete to make sure you all know about the changes.



Green means the taiohi is on track and getting their full payment.



Orange means the taiohi needs to get in touch straight away to either:

- let you know if they have a good reason for not meeting their youth activity obligations
- arrange an activity so they can meet their youth activity obligations again.



Red means their payments have been reduced or stopped. They should get in touch with you immediately (if they haven't already) so that you can help them get back on track.



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online parenting courses with whānau āwhina plunket

this course is approved by msd as a parenting programme for young parents

Whānau Āwhina Plunket offer a two day parenting course for young parents, broken into 10 modules on topics that will help taiohi learn about being a parent.

This online parenting course may be a good option for young parents when a face to face course is unavailable or unsuitable.



Learn more

[Youth Parenting Online Course Brochure](#)
[Registration form](#)

Contact: sharelle.rowntree@plunket.org.nz



2025 Next Course Dates

April	May	June
Tuesday 8 (Day 2)	Wednesday 14 (Day 1)	Wednesday 11 (Day 2)
Wednesday 9 (Day 1)	Wednesday 21 (Day 2)	Wednesday 18 (Day 1)
Tuesday 29 (Day 1)	Tuesday 27 (Day 2)	Tuesday 24 (Day 1)
Wednesday 30 (Day 2)	Wednesday 28 (Day 1)	Wednesday 25 (Day 2)



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drop-in recap: digital suite – learning skills for work

over the next few weeks we will be covering online resources available to support taiohi

Digital Passport

Through Digital Passport taiohi can get job-ready for today's digital world by completing short online modules on job-ready skills, digital skills and AI skills.



Digital Passport is free to everyone in Aotearoa.

[Digital Passport | Online Education Platform](#)

LinkedIn Learning

LinkedIn Learning has over 20,000 courses on all sorts of things that will help taiohi land a job – like interview skills, customer service skills, using software, and much more.



LinkedIn Learning is free to everyone who signs up through MSD here: [LinkedIn Learning registration](#)

Visit www.linkedin.com/learning/ to learn more.

LearningPlanet

LearningPlanet can help taiohi gain soft skills for employment and life through completing short courses topics including Te Reo Māori, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Retail, Conflict Management and more.



For more, visit [LearningPlanet.tv](https://learningplanet.tv)

Thrive

Through Thrive, taiohi can access more Umbrella Wellbeing modules, LinkedIn Premium, LinkedIn Learning and more.



Thrive is designed for professionals but also has tools for taiohi at the beginning of their career journey.

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drop-in recap: money management

until taiohi age out or learn how to budget they need to be on money management

While taiohi are receiving financial assistance, everyday costs and essential bills are redirected from their benefit. Whatever is left over is split between a weekly allowance of up to \$50 and their payment card.

Exceptions

Some payments are not subject to Money Management, meaning they go directly into the young person's bank account. These are [Disability Allowance](#), [Child Disability Allowance](#), [Flexible Childcare Assistance](#), [Unsupported Child's Benefit](#), [Orphan's Benefit](#), and [Training Incentive Allowance](#).

Coming off Money Management

Young people must complete a budgeting programme, show good financial judgement and complete three months of budgeting conversations. They will also be eligible for an incentive payment. Learn more: [incentive payments](#) | [Youth Service providers](#)



eLearning and further reading
about Money Management



[money management](#) | [eLearning on articulate](#)
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drop-in recap: hardship

A hardship payments is a one-off payment for the cost of a need that it essential or immediate

There will be times that taiohi may need a little extra help financially. You can consider that a young person is in hardship if the young person has:

- no other means of supporting themselves and any dependent family, and
- explored and exhausted all options.

What does hardship cover?

Immediate and essential needs – like food, whiteware, glasses, housing, bedding, dental treatment, and funerals.

Immediate and essential need

You will need to ask taiohi about their situation and why they have a need and write about it in the ART task.

- What has happened?
- What is different from the previous week?
- Was there an essential expense?
- When is their next benefit payment?
- What will be the risk if they don't get help to pay for this need?



Taiohi enrolled in NEET

Can apply for hardship payments through a local Work and Income office.
Their parents or guardians will need to be the ones that apply for this assistance.



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upcoming drop-in sessions

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



no session for the next two weeks
Have some time back on 15 and 22 April 2025



We've decided not to compete with school holidays, Easter and Anzac day, so we won't be seeing you.

We will be back on Tuesday 29 April with a session on the traffic light system and Jobseeker profiles.

If you need us before then, you can always reach us at ystraining@msd.govt.nz

Don't 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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