

# ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

**Rāmere 8 Haratua 2025**

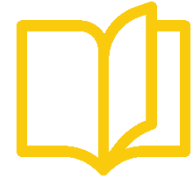


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**KŌRERO ATŪ**  
**MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA**  
SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING  

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**FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025**

# drop-in recap – programme fund guidelines



realigning support to ensure long-term impact for young people

The programme fund guidelines have been updated to ensure it remains focused on its original purpose: supporting young people by removing one-off, genuine barriers to their participation in education, training, work-based learning, employment, or wellbeing.

## Key changes include:

- Clearer guidance on what the programme fund can and cannot be used for.
- Increased emphasis on group programmes, specialist assessments, and skill-building opportunities, such as workshops and short courses that contribute to a young person's growth, engagement, or employment pathway.



Thanks for your feedback on the programme fund guidelines. We've added some things that can be applied for in exceptional circumstances.

Reminder, exceptional circumstances are the exception, not the rule.

**Learn more here:**

[programme fund](#) | [youth service providers](#)



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# traffic light system and jobseeker profiles elearning

the elearning module on the traffic light system and jobseeker profiles is ready

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

By now you will have heard about the traffic light system and the new Jobseeker profile requirement.

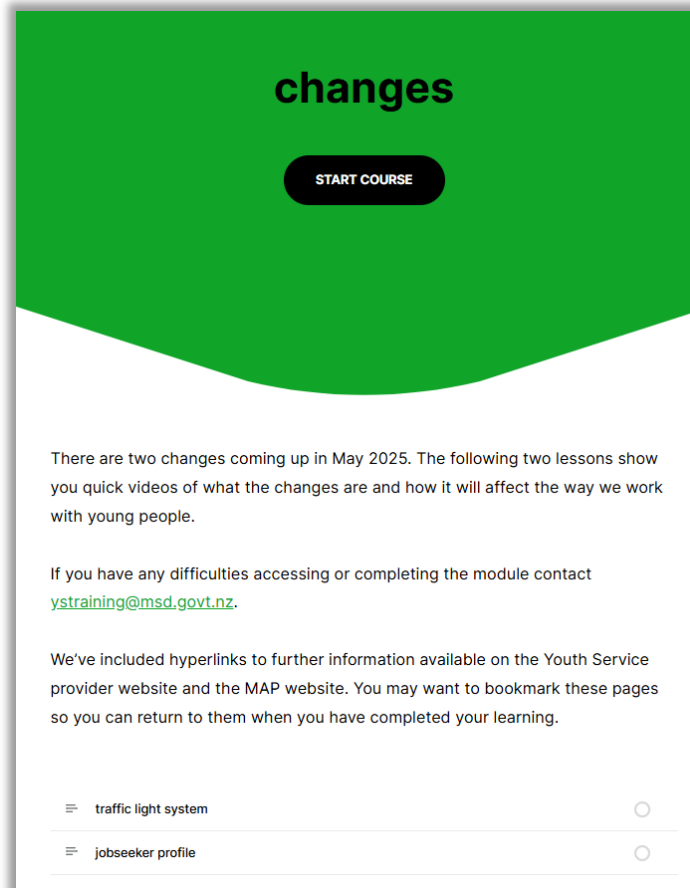
To help you get across the changes we have a new short training module available here:

[changes | youth service providers](#)

**Come along to hear about  
the change again and  
bring your questions**



**second drop-in session**  
Tuesday 13 May, 10am  
Join the teams meeting



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# reminder from yssu

## 🛑 Stop old redirections

Call us before 12pm the day before a young person gets their benefit payment on **0800 559 278** to stop payments to previous landlords/boardlords

## ✅ Check Forms Carefully

Ensure all questions are answered and signatures are included.

## 🔍 Match Bank Details

Double-check that account information matches on the Bank Verification, the Retailer Supplier Payee Form, and the Redirection Form.

## 📄 Send All Pages

Always include *all* pages when emailing benefit applications to the [Youth Service Inbox](#).

Please do not include any other documents in your email

**These checks help us support our young people faster and more smoothly**



## Check forms before submitting a task in ART

**M** – Must be in ink  
**A** – All questions answered  
**I** – Initial any amendments or errors  
**D** – Date stamped  
**S** – Signed



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# gasav ne fäeag rotuam ta – rotuma language week

The theme for Rotuma language week this year is:

**Äf'akia ma rak'akia 'os fäega ma ag fak Rotuma -  
tēfakhanisit Gagaja nā se 'äe ma gou.**

**Treasure & Teach Our Rotuman Language and Culture - A  
Gift given to you and I by God'.**

**Here are some common phrases to try this week:**

**Noa'ia** - Greetings / Hello

**Noa'ia 'e ma. uri gagaj 'atakoa** - Greetings Everyone

**La' ma a. lalum** - Goodbye – to those who are leaving

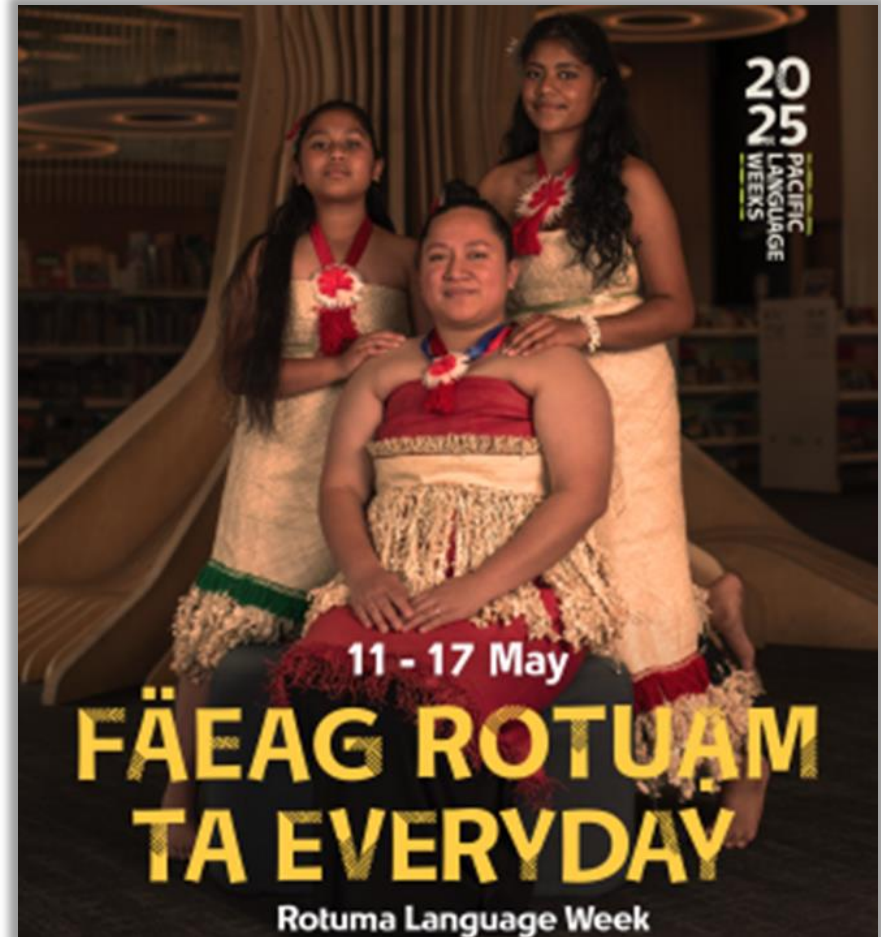
**Fu' ma a. lalum** - Goodbye – to those who are staying

**Figalelei** - Please

**Fa. ia. kse'ea** - Thank you

**Hanis ma röt'a.** - Sorry

**Turo'** - Excuse me



[Check out the Ministry for Pacific People Rotuma language  
week page for more information](#)



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# what's going on

We'd love to feature some pictures of how your team is celebrating these in the Youth Service update! Send in your best pics and blurb about what you did or are planning to do to

[national\\_youthservice@msd.govt.nz](mailto:national_youthservice@msd.govt.nz)



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# upcoming drop-in sessions

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



## traffic lights and jobseeker profile Tuesday 13 May, 10am

In this session, we'll run through the information about the changes again – but really, this session is for you to ask questions and bring up anything you want to learn more about.

If you think of any questions in advance, please send them to [YSTraining@msd.govt.nz](mailto:YSTraining@msd.govt.nz).

[Join the teams meeting](#)

## family violence Tuesday 20 May, 10am

In this drop-in session we'll discuss:

- Practical ways we can support those affected and help create safer communities.
- Discuss products and services we can offer to support

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## transferring to another provider Tuesday 20 May, 10am

In this session, you'll learn how to help a taiohi move to a new provider without any stress, making sure they stay supported every step of the way.

In this session we'll cover:

- how to accept a transfer
- when to decline a transfer
- how to stay prepared ahead of a young person exiting your service.

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**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**  
tau awhitia te taiohi, ka puta ki te wheiao

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