

Ratonga Taiohi Pānui

what you need to
know



child support pass-on law changes from 1 July

sole parents on YPP will get their child support payments paid directly to them

info share Inland Revenue will tell MSD about most child support payments they're making

- We'll match the IR information to clients and automatically calculate how the child support payment will affect their benefit
- YPP won't need to tell us about any formula assessed child support payments they get from IR
- We'll usually get information from IR once a month so long as the liable parent is paying their child support on time.

applying for YPP and child support Young parents will no longer have to apply for child support when applying for a benefit.

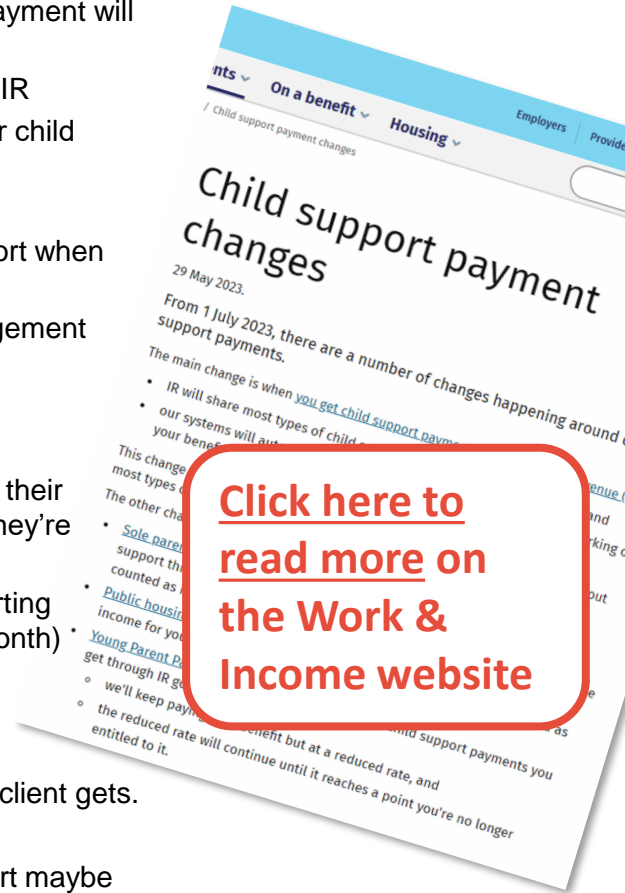
- YPP can choose whether to apply for child support through Inland Revenue, make an arrangement with the other parent, or not to receive child support at all.

child support and income We'll treat child support payments as income

- if the child support payments taiohi get through IR go over the income limit we'll keep paying their benefit but at a reduced rate, and the reduced rate will continue until it reaches a point that they're no longer entitled to it. Read more about [charging income here](#).
- IR pays child support monthly in arrears. IR will pay child support for the calendar month starting 1 July from 22 August 2023. We'll average the amount over 4-5 weeks (depending on the month) rather than treating the monthly payment as income in the week it's received

child support and housing The amount of housing costs paid by YPP living in public housing, transitional housing or emergency housing, may change based on the child support income the client gets.

child support and temporary additional support Taiohi paying formula assessed child support maybe have this taken into account as an allowable cost for Temporary Additional Support



application documents - reminders and tips

when a young person applies for a payment, they need to provide documents

- **critical documents** are essential for granting the benefit
- **non-critical documents** are documents that we need, but we can still grant a benefit without them.

critical documents



carefully read the list of critical documents provided in ART by YSSU and work to get these documents first

When you have all the critical documents, submit the task for processing

You don't need to wait until you have all the non-critical documents as well



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application documents - reminders and tips (cont)

did you know...?

'I have sighted the Original Birth Certificate'

- **You'll be asked to confirm that you have sighted the original identification document/s** for the young person. The task may be sent back to you if you have not done this.

verbal confirmation

- **You no longer need to provide a physical document to confirm a young person's IRD number.** Verbal confirmation is all that is required. You can call or email the young person to get this.
- In your application task in ART attach the email or the note of this discussion:
'Taiohi has verbally confirmed their IRD number is: 55555555'

identity evidence

- **You no longer need to provide 2-year evidence of the young person's identity**

IR101B form

- As part of the new changes to child support, an **IR101B form will no longer be required** as a non-critical document for young parents



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helping young people access banking

We want to know about the barriers our taiohi have in accessing bank accounts

A recent report on [Access to Banking in Aotearoa](#) highlighted that youth without family support have challenges in accessing banking.

The report found that:

“Aside from the obvious impact of not being able to receive financial support, moving into adulthood without access to banking can have a significant impact on a youth’s identity.”

This short survey (only two questions) is your chance to see what we can do to improve access to banking for our taiohi.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

Comments from participants about youth and banking

You would think within a ‘pathways to future life workshop’ that the driver licence would be the most difficult, but by far and large the bank account is the most difficult. All 10 youth who were on the programme this year were unable to open an account.”

– Participant 3

The impact is huge, they can’t pay board, they can’t go to training, they can’t go to health appointments, they can’t go to job interviews...”

– Participant 45



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recap of driver licence programme drop in

helping taiohi to learn to drive safely and get their licence

We work with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to help taiohi to learn to drive safely.

There's no cost to taiohi to get their licence – and any taiohi enrolled with Youth Service can get assistance.

We'll pay for: driving tests, lessons and ID.

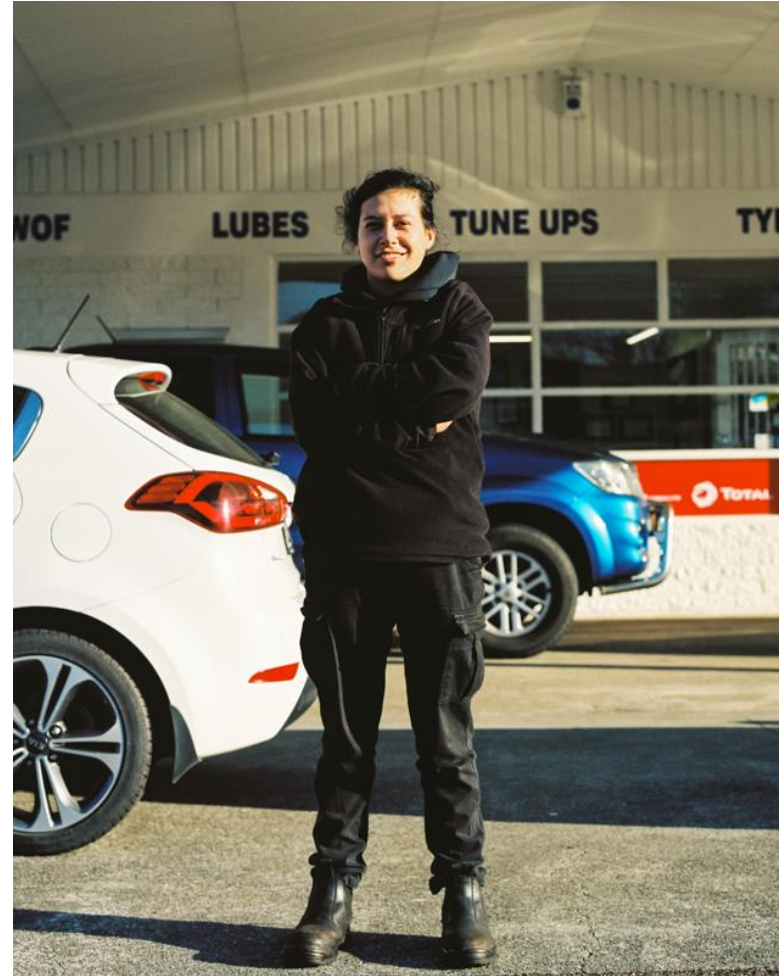
The programme focusses on safe driving rather than just having a licence. We want young people to have as many lessons they need to build up their driving experience.

- Driver licencing is a great way encourage and support engagement
- It's a great opportunity to celebrate success with a young person

Quick tips

- record taiohi driver licence status – including if they don't have one
- driver licence costs will only be reimbursed if the young person's Driver Licence Commitment Form is uploaded correctly in ART

Check out the [eLearning module](#) for how to update ART correctly



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driver licence programme questions (cont)

We got some great questions in the last drop in. We've answered them below...

Q: Can a young person (such as in a rural area) use 3 driving lessons in one day, say for a 3 hour lesson?

A. Yes they can! You can claim for 3 lessons, they do however use up 3 of the total 20 lessons you can claim for.

Q: Will we be able to claim for eye-tests or motorbike licenses under the DL fund? We currently have to use programme fund for this?

A. No, this is not covered under driver license fund as this is based on what Waka Kotahi will fund.

upcoming drop-in session - incentive payments

10am Tuesday 4 July – Join via [Teams](#)

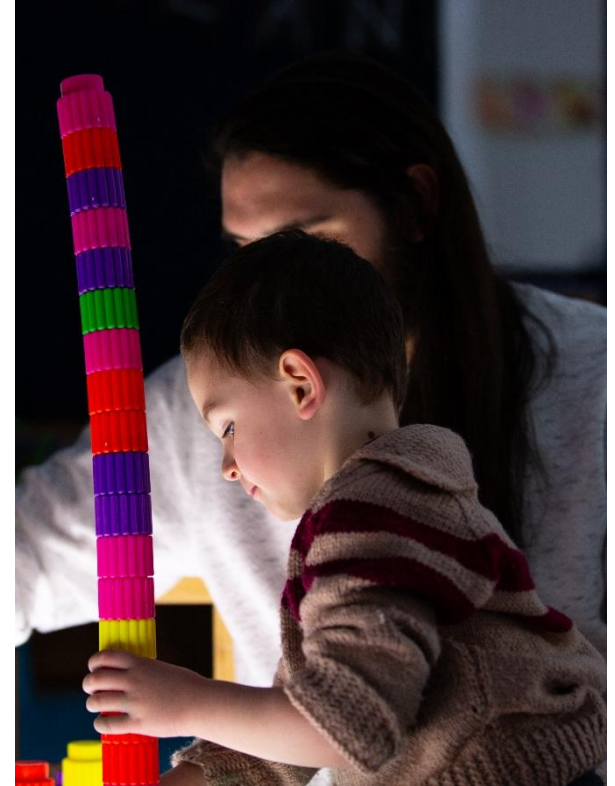
A young person may be eligible to receive incentive payments, providing they've met and continue to meet their activity obligations.

- Education Incentive Payment
- Budgeting Incentive Payment
- Parenting Education Incentive Payment

In this drop in session we'll cover:

- how to calculate the education incentive payment
- how to notify YSSU when a young person is eligible
- what to do if it's no longer appropriate for the young person to receive their incentive payment

Complete the [eLearning module](#) and bring your questions



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youth insights and perspectives

a collection of child and youth engagement reports



Child and Youth
Wellbeing

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has pulled together New Zealand-based engagement reports that feature the insights and perspectives of children and young people.

The collection aims to help:

- raise the visibility of insights and perspectives of children and young people
- inform and influence the development of policies, programmes, and service delivery
- guide the direction of any further engagement

The engagements were undertaken by government agencies, NGOs, universities and youth-led initiatives. They ranged from small, qualitative engagements targeting specific population groups, through to more extensive surveys involving thousands of children and young people.

There are a wide range of topics you can browse. It's a great repository of insights from young people to support any programme or work you're undertaking. [Browse the collection here.](#)

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