

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know



important driver licence programme announcement

our youth service driver licence programme is ending on 31 march 2024

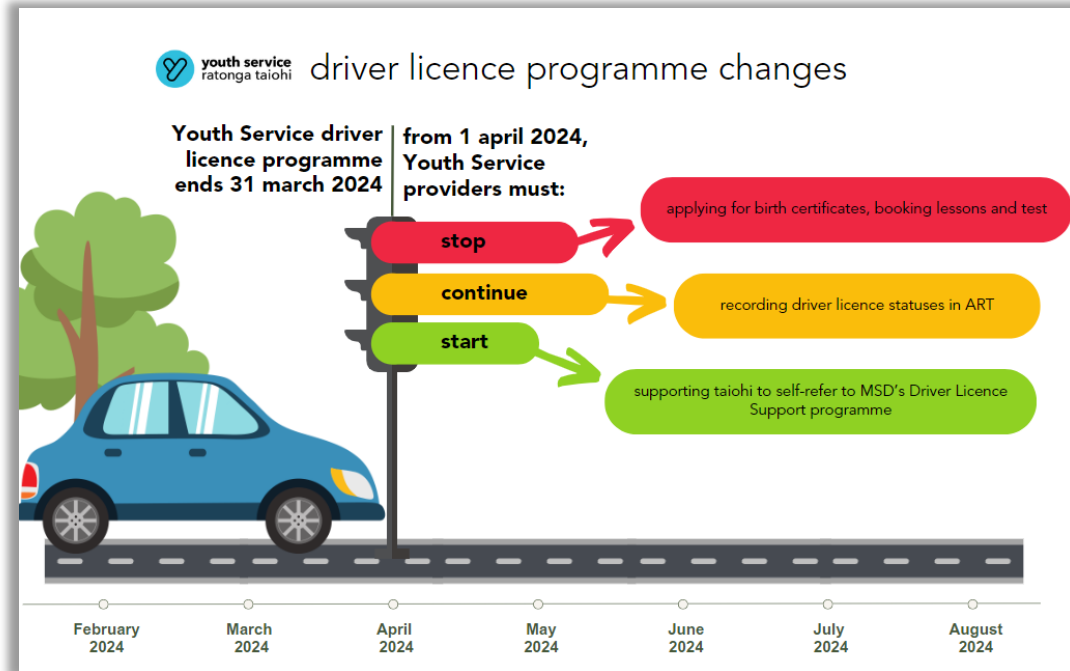
Our Youth Service Driver Licence programme is ending on 31 March 2024. This is because funding for the programme has been exhausted.

From 1 April 2024, Youth Service taiohi can be referred to the Driver Licence Support programme for continued driver licence support.

Placements in the Driver Licence Support programme are limited and taiohi will need to meet the eligibility criteria to be enrolled and participate.

For general information about the Driver Licence Support programme, visit the [Work and Income](#) website.

For more information, visit [driver licence page](#) on the provider site the and come along to our special drop-in sessions.



online drop-ins

driver licence programme changes

21 February and 7, 13, 27 March, 10am

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new and improved emergency housing info resource

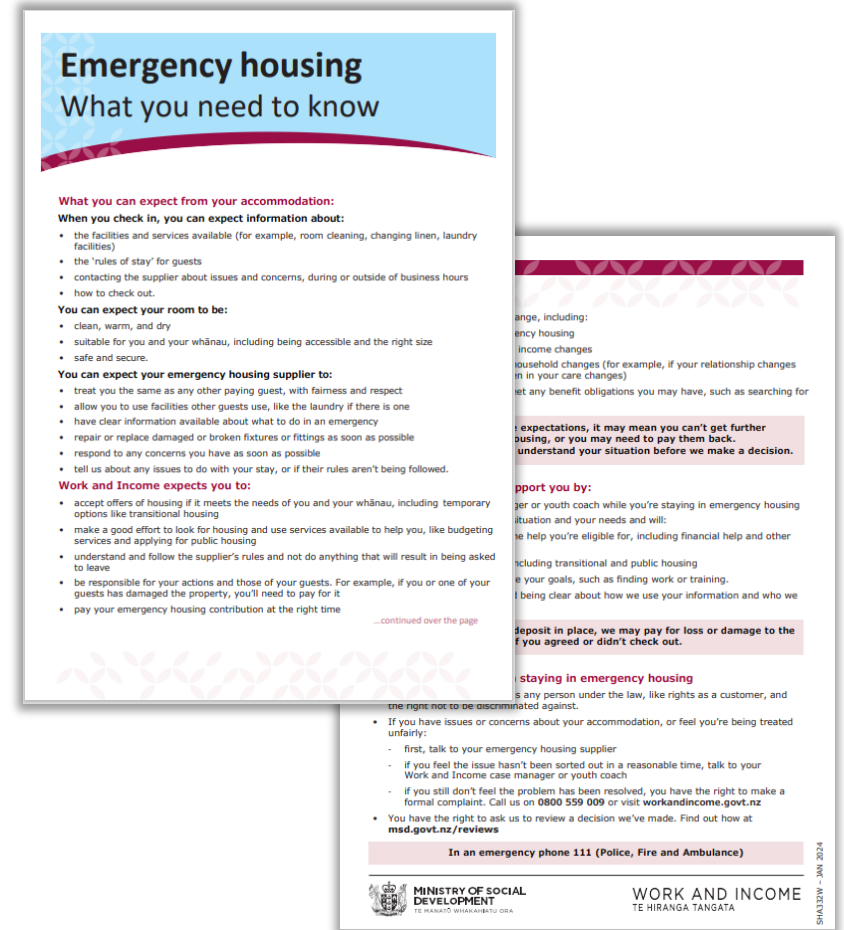
if you have saved the old information sheet, please replace it with this updated version

The information sheet that you give to taiohi who need emergency housing has been updated.

This short guide tells taiohi the key things they need to know while they're in emergency housing. It outlines what they can expect from MSD and from their accommodation supplier, what's expected of them, and their rights while staying in emergency housing.

You can find the new information sheet here: [emergency housing factsheet | youth service](#)

For more information about emergency housing visit [emergency housing | Youth Service providers](#)



applications for youth week event grants open

do you work with taiohi who might be interested in running a youth week event?

The Ara Taiohi Youth Week aims to amplify young people's valuable contributions to their communities by supporting them in designing, delivering, and evaluating all aspects of the week. This year, the theme is 'We may not have it all together, but together we have it all'.

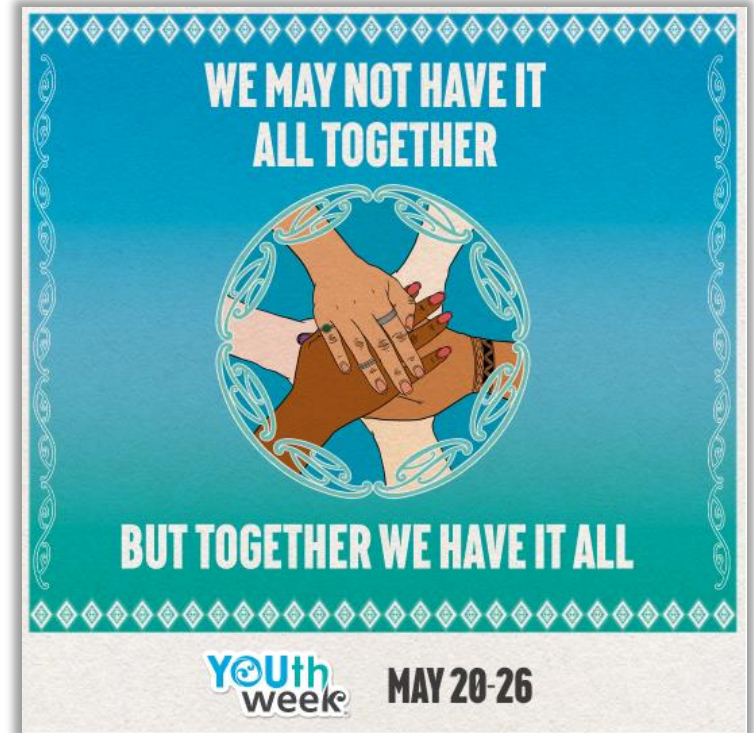
Ara Taiohi offers funding for Youth Week events up to the value of \$1,000 + GST.

These funded events need to be organised by young New Zealanders to celebrate the talents, passion and success of local young people and designed to encourage young people to take on challenges, share ideas and focus on the positive aspects of being young.

If you work with taiohi who may be interested in running a Youth Week event, encourage them to apply.

Applications close Monday 11 March, 9am.

Learn more and apply at [Youth Week Grants | Ara Taiohi](#)



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drop-in recap – education outcomes

The biggest factor associated with being in high-intensity limited employment was not attaining at least NCEA Level 2.

– Ministry of Education (2023) [Exploring young people's experience of limited employment](#)

NCEA results were released on 17 January

Now is a great time to update taiohi records with their results (including any clients who have exited your service in the last three months).

1. Log into the NZQA website to access their certificate of achievement. Email YSSU if you need to be granted access.
2. Search for student records using their National Student Number (NSN) or name and date of birth
3. Print a copy of the NZQA record for the young person and save it to their file.



Missed the drop-in?

Complete the eLearning module on how to record [milestones](#)

reminder on how to calculate education incentive payments

After six months in education, training or work-based learning taiohi can receive the education incentive payment.

If the young person completes **multiple programmes**, we can combine them if each programme is 12 weeks or longer.

If the young person is on a **study break** we may be able to include the study break in calculating the six-months.

For more information visit [incentive payments](#)



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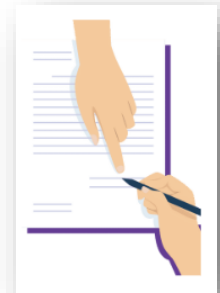
drop-in recap – art alerts

what you need to know about art alerts

ART alerts let you know how you need to tailor your interactions with a young person.

There are 4 types of alerts:

Safety	Where there is an actual concern to safety. Potential risk are also a factor.
Engagement	For young people who need a particular way for you to engage with them.
Trespass	Informs staff of a young person who has been trespassed.
Warrant to Arrest – public risk	Informs staff of a young person who has been assessed as a risk to public safety.



In the drop-in session we covered what you need to know and do when a young person has an alert on their ART profile – and when you should consider adding one.

If you missed the session visit [art alerts | Youth Service providers](#) to learn more.



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upcoming drop-in sessions

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

LSV programme Tuesday 20 February, 10am



The [Limited Service Volunteer \(LSV\) Programme](#) is a free six week programme where young people take part in a range of activities to help them move on to jobs, training or study.

Come along to this drop-in session to learn more about the programme and how you can support taiohi to access it.

Join via [Teams](#)

employment support Tuesday 27 February, 10am



Where education and training aren't a good fit, the next best option for taiohi is employment. To get taiohi work ready and in the right job, MSD offers a range of support.

In this session, we will tell you about the different services available to help taiohi get into the job that's right for them.

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You can find the full drop-in session schedule on our provider site
[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)
or print the [breakroom poster](#)

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