

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know



drop-in recap: limited volunteer service course

the limited volunteer service course is a six week residential programme for young people

The [Limited Service Volunteer course](#) is a six week live-in programme for 18-24 year olds. Interested 17 year olds may also get a spot if they are ready for the challenge. The programme is free, including travel.

This programme is best for young people who are:

- Motivated and mature
- Hands-on – LSV is an active course
- Willing and ready to get out of their comfort zone and grow

As a youth coach, you can help young people:

- complete their application and police declaration
- get a medical (trouble getting a medical? Contact us)
- write a letter about why they want to go on the course
- by writing a letter supporting the application

The course has a focus on employment. The course helps build skills, earn certificates and meet local employers. Find out more [here](#).



Watch the Limited Service Volunteer course video

[click here](#)

Useful links:

- [Limited Service Volunteer - Work and Income](#)
- Email address lsv@msd.govt.nz
- [Apply for the Limited Service Volunteer course](#)



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bluelight course to prepare for lsv programme

have a young person who might benefit from the lsv programme but needs a test run?

The Blue Light Life Skills Programme is a good option to make sure young people are prepared and confident before going into the Limited Service Volunteer (LSV) programme.

The Life Skills Programme is a one week live-in experiential learning camp run in partnership with the New Zealand Defence Force, focusing on leadership training, practical skills, self-confidence, and leaderless tasks.

The programme costs \$500 and young people will have to be able to make their own way to the course. To cover the programme costs and transport, Young people on Youth Payment or Young Parent Payment will be able to apply for [Course Participation Assistance](#)

For young people in the NEET programme, they can apply for some assistance under the [Programme Fund](#) (noting that young people have up to \$500 annually).

Learn more and apply at [Life Skills Programme \(bluelight.co.nz\)](http://bluelight.co.nz)



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understanding young people in emergency housing

having continuous conversations to help young people to get into long term housing

Our Youth Service Support Unit continues to reach out to youth coaches, having real talks about what's going on in the lives of young people, and figuring out how we can best support young people get into long-term housing.

This active way of doing things has improved what we know about young people in emergency housing.

Because of this, we've found:

- more young people are being referred to transitional housing
- Ready 2 Rent referrals are on the Rise
- more young people moving into long-term housing
- a reduction in pending Social Housing Assessments
- connecting and accessing other MSD services such as housing brokers.

This month, the number of young people in emergency housing has been under 140 households – the lowest in over a year. This awesome milestone is all thanks to the teamwork and dedication of Youth Service providers and YSSU. Go team!



The Rotorua YSSU team

L-R: Dan, Sarika, Hine, Sa, Joy, Melissa, Kylie, Anne and Nelly.



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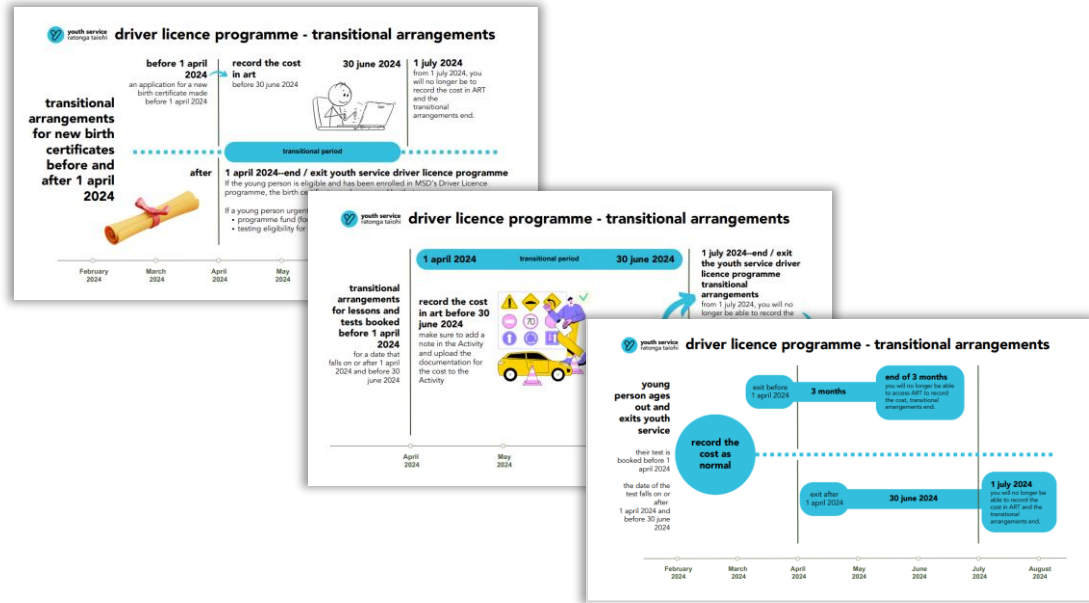
drop-in recap: driver licence programme changes

the youth service driver licence programme is ending on 31 march

As we shared with you last week, the Youth Service Driver Licence Programme will end on 31 March, and from 1 April Youth Service taiohi can be referred to the Driver Licence Support programme. For more information about the changes, please visit [driver licence | Youth Service providers](#). We also have a resource to explain the transitional arrangements that you can find in ART and on the driver licence page of the provider website.

This week we had our first drop-in session where we explained the changes in more detail. We had some really great questions which we will be adding to the page on the provider site soon.

If you missed the session or have more questions, we have three more drop-in sessions on 7, 13, 27 March, 10am.



online drop-ins driver licence programme changes

7, 13, 27 March, 10am

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reminder: using the right employment task

in december we added a new activity in art for part-time employment

The new [part-time employment](#) activity allows us to get a better picture of how employment looks for taiohi across the motu.

To make an [employment activity](#), you will need to make a 'Full time / part time employment' need.

When to use the 'Part-time Employment' activity

- for all young people on YP/YPP
- for young people in NEET who are working less than 30 hours per week.

When to use the 'Paid Employment' activity

- For young people in NEET service who:
 - are working over 30 hours per week (including when they are working multiple jobs for a total of 30 hours of more), and
 - are receiving in-work support by the youth coach.



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sir āpirana ngata scholarships applications open

māori studying at tertiary level (university, polytechnic, or wānanga) may be eligible

Applications for the Sir Āpirana Ngata Memorial Scholarship are now open. Successful applicants can receive between \$500 and \$3000 to used for study-related costs.

Eligibility

To be eligible, young people must:

- Be studying at a tertiary level (university, polytechnic, or wānanga)
- Māori
- Preference given to students who are descendants of WW1 veterans.

To check if taiohi whakapapa to WW1 veterans, have a look at the [Auckland War Memorial Centotaph database](#).

Find out more at [Sir Āpirana Ngata Memorial Scholarship | Te Tumu Paeroa](#)



Sir Āpirana Ngata, and his son Sir Hēnare Kohere Ngata, at their Victoria University College graduation ceremony in May 1948.
Āpirana Ngata received an honorary Doctorate of Literature. His son received a Bachelor of Arts.



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youth service satisfaction survey

the youth service satisfaction survey will be going out to taiohi next tuesday

The Youth Service satisfaction survey will be emailed to taiohi next Tuesday.

The information we get from the survey allows us to check in and see what improvements need to be made to Youth Service.

The more young people respond, the better the data is that we have to make improvements.

Please encourage taiohi to fill out the survey – they could win one of three \$50 prezzie cards.



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upcoming drop-in sessions

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

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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aging out and exit plans
Tuesday 5 March, 10am



The beginning of April is one of the times where there is a spike in the number of young people exiting Youth Service.

In this session, we will discuss what you need to do to prepare for taiohi to leave Youth Service.

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



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