

Ratonga Taiohi Pānui

what you need to know



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Te Gana Tuvalu

Tuvalu Language Week 2023

Fakatumau kae fakaakoi tau
'gana ke mautu a iloga o 'ta tuā

Preserve and embrace your language
to safeguard our heritage identities

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vaiaso o te gana Tuvalu - Tuvalu language week

talofa! – It's Tuvalu Language week!

The theme for Tuvalu Language week this year is *Fakatumau kae fakaakoi tau 'gana ke mautu a iloga o 'ta tuā*, meaning, 'preserve and embrace your language to safeguard our heritage identities'.

Here are some words to try this week:

Talofa – Hello

Tofa - Fano La – Goodbye (to those who are leaving)

Tofa – Nofo La – Goodbye (to those who are staying)

Fakamolemole – Please

Fakafetai – Thank you

You can find more words and phrases [here](#).

[For more information, visit the Ministry of Pacific Peoples page](#)



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alerts in art

alerts give you important details about a young person before you make contact with them

Alerts in ART are there to help prepare you for meeting with a young person. They can be used when a young person's behaviour poses a risk to staff safety or when a young person needs to be contacted in a way that meets their individual circumstance, e.g., hearing impaired.

There are four categories for adding an alert in ART, click on them to find out more:

- [Safety](#)
- [Engagement](#)
- [Trespass](#)
- [Warrant to Arrest - Public Risk](#)

Find out more about ART Alerts here:
[alerts in art | Youth Service providers](#)



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oranga tamariki's transition support service

young people who come to Youth Service from Oranga Tamariki may be eligible

Do you work with taiohi who have come to Youth Service from Oranga Tamariki?

They may be eligible for extra help.

The transition worker helps prepare the young person to become a young adult and stays in contact with them until they turn 21.

Visit the provider site to find out more about how this works: [oranga tamariki & youth service | Youth Service providers](#)



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driver licence changes

the driver licence programme funding has now changed

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has [changed the driver licence fees](#). All resits of driving tests are being provided free of charge. Also, there are no fees for changing, rebooking, or cancelling a test.

What this means for you

You will be responsible for the fee if the young person:

- doesn't attend their lessons
- fails or doesn't attend a licence test.

Youth Service will reimburse providers once taiohi pass their tests.

We encourage you to ensure taiohi are well-prepared before they sit their licence tests so they pass it the first time

check out the [provider website](#) and [e-learning module](#) for more information

Here's a few tips:

- It's a good idea if someone manages the driver licence programme for your organisation so that you get better oversight of all stages of licences, costs are paid on time, and young people can get their licence.
- Your ART administrator can download a csv. file so you can check out licence status recorded in ART.
- You can record the cost for birth certificates in the same way you can record tests and lessons.



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winter energy payment has ended

the winter energy payment ended on Sunday 1 October

If any of the taiohi you're speaking with are concerned about how they'll manage, please explore other ways we may be able to help them.

Use the [Check what you might get tool](#) or complete a [Full and Correct Entitlement check](#) to ensure young people are getting the correct payments.

The Winter Energy Payment restarts on 1 May 2024.



upcoming drop-in sessions

our drop-ins focus on the technical aspects that are unique to our service

Induction for new youth coaches

Wednesday 4 October, 10am

This session covers the foundational information about Youth Service to help new Youth Coaches thrive. Learn more about how Youth Service fits into MSD, the services we offer, and some of the resources we have.



Join via [Teams](#)

housing support products (HSP)

Tuesday 10 October, 10am

Here we will share information about the six individual HSPs available, and answer any questions you have.

Before joining the drop-in session, check out these handy resources:

[HSP summary](#)

[HSP table](#)

[housing support products](#)



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You can find the full drop-in session schedule
on our provider site here:

[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)

or print the [breakroom poster](#)



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voting in the general election is now open

voting is open until **Saturday 14 October**

Voting in can be confusing – and for taiohi over 18 this will be the first General Election that they can vote in.

If you want to help your young people be prepared to vote, you might want to share this:

[What to do | Vote NZ](#)

If they haven't enrolled yet don't worry, they can still vote. Someone at the voting place will help them to enrol and cast their vote.

- **Find a voting place near you:**
[Find a voting place | Vote NZ](#)
- **Find a Kaupapa Māori voting place here:**
[Kaupapa Māori voting | Vote NZ](#)



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