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# ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

**Rāmere 25 Mahuru 2025**

Thursday 25 September 2025



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# change incoming: new obligation failure art process

from 1 october we'll have new obligation failure tasks

We've heard you – the obligation failure process in ART needs improvement.

From 1 October 2025, changes will be made to make the process easier for youth coaches and YSSU.

## What's changing

### New tasks

These include questions to gather the information needed to process obligation failures and recompliance in MSD systems.

### Can leave activity open

Sometimes it doesn't make sense to close the activity. If that's the case, make sure you add appropriate notes before submitting the task to YSSU.



## Learn more

For experts in the current process

[obligation failure process change – the short version](#)

For people who want more detail

[obligation failures in art - youth activity obligations](#)



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# winter energy payment ends soon



winter energy payment ends on 1 october 2025

Winter Energy Payment is currently being paid to young people to help with heating costs over the winter period. It is automatically paid along with their regular payments.

## How the final payments work

- Young people will get their last full Winter Energy Payment in the week starting **29 September 2025**.
- They'll get a part Winter Energy Payment (3 day's worth) in the week starting **6 October 2025**.
- The first payment **without** Winter Energy Payment will be in the week starting **13 October 2025**.



Use the **Check what you might get** tool and complete a **Full and Correct Entitlement check** to ensure young people are getting the correct payments.

learn more

[winter energy payment | Youth Service providers](#)



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# drop-in recap – keeping yourself well

some things to help you thrive in twenty-five

## Work related wellbeing: ask yourself...

Do I know what I'm meant to be doing?  
How's my workload?  
Do I have the right support?  
How are my workplace relationships?

## Tips for forming new positive habits

- **Be persistent** – on average it takes 66 days before habits became automatic
- **Be realistic about the process** – forming a habit takes patience, self-discipline and commitment.
- **Use self-reflection** – ask: Why haven't you practiced this behaviour before? What is stopping you?
- **Get enough sleep** – forming a new habit takes a lot of mental energy
- **Let go of the 'all-or-nothing' mentality** – every little bit counts and doing something is better than nothing
- **Stack your habits** – pair the new habit with an existing habit

Use the Te Whare Tapa Whā module to make sure you are looking after all aspects of your wellbeing



## What good work looks like:

- Effective communication
- Flexible work
- Manageable workload
- Development opportunities
- Recognition
- Supportive leadership



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# studying next year? apply for studylink

if your taiohi are planning on studying make sure they apply before 16 december

Are your young people planning to study next year? Now is the time to start thinking about applying for a student allowance or student loan.

You can really help young people out by helping them get their application in as early as possible – the later they leave it, the longer it takes for approval which can be a bit frightening.

To apply or find out more visit

[www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)



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# upcoming drop-in sessions

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



## transferring to studylink Tuesday 30 September, 10am



Moving into education is a big step, there are some tips to make it easier for young people.

In this session, you'll learn about helping young people to apply for support from StudyLink.

We will have two guest speakers from StudyLink to answer all your questions.

**Join the teams meeting**

## induction for youth coaches Wednesday 1 October, 10am



In this drop-in session we'll cover:

- how legislation and policy determines how Youth Service operates
- the people and teams are that help deliver Youth Service
- where to find information to help you in your role

You'll also get to meet some other new youth coaches and be able to ask us any questions

**Join the teams meeting**

**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

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