

ratonga taiohi pānui

what you need to know

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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 taiohi 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 your taiohi out by helping them to 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



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payments over the christmas period

some young people will be paid early, make sure they know how it works



If a young person's regular payment day falls on a public holiday, they'll be paid early – this includes payments onto payment cards for taiohi on Money Management.

Check out the table to see the revised payment dates.

! Make sure taiohi understand that this is NOT an extra payment or a permanent change

Their payments will go back to their regular payment day after the Christmas and New Year public holidays.



Christmas week	
Expected payment date	Revised payment date
Tues – 24/12/24	No change
Wed – 25/12/24	Tues – 24/12/24
Thur – 26/12/24	Tues – 24/12/24

New Year week	
Expected payment date	Revised payment date
Tues – 31/12/24	No change
Wed – 01/01/25	Tues – 31/12/24
Thur – 02/01/25	Tues – 31/12/24

ordering whiteware over the holiday period

there will be delays for whiteware deliveries over the christmas and new year period

From **Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025** the cut off times for whiteware orders will be 12 noon.

Any orders placed after these times will be processed the next working day. It may take a day or two longer than normal for delivery over this period.

The last day of dispatch of appliances from Fisher & Paykel for delivery for Christmas Day is:

- Auckland Metro and Christchurch – Friday 20 December
- Rest of the country – Thursday 19 December

Services will return to normal Friday 3 January 2025.



Didn't know whiteware grants were available?

Learn more here:

[Whiteware | Work and Income](#)



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obligations and sanctions over the holiday period

young people who don't meet their activity obligations during this period can't be sanctioned

From **25 December 2024 to 15 January 2025**
there is a grace period for obligations.

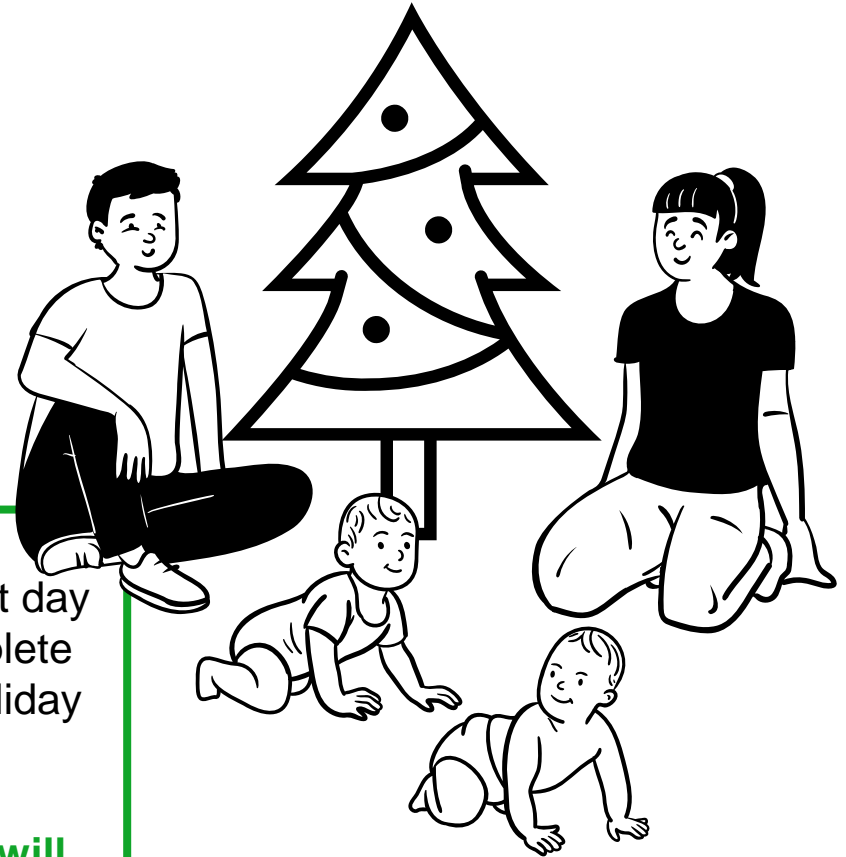
Obligation failures can still be initiated during this time, but the 12 working days between these dates are not counted in determining when a reduction or suspension should be imposed.

Sanctions cannot be imposed during this period. You should still be in contact with taiohi.

Application lapse dates

Young people have **20 working days** from the first day they contact MSD or their Youth Provider to complete their application for YP/YPP. This excludes the holiday period commencing 25 December and ending 15 January the following year.

The application lapse date YSSU puts in task will exclude the holiday period



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gcap applications

guaranteed childcare assistance payment

young parents can continue to receive GCAP if the childcare facility charges a fee to keep the child's place.

Please contact young people receiving GCAP between **1 and 21 of December** to find out:

- **If they plan to return to education, training or work-based learning the following year**

Let them know:

- GCAP can continue over the Christmas break if they intend to return to education and have to pay holding fees at their childcare facility.

Send an ART task to YSSU telling them if GCAP should continue.



learn more about GCAP here:
[guaranteed childcare assistance payment \(gcap\)](#)



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housing reminders

emergency housing over christmas period

Initial Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNGs) will still only to be paid for a maximum of 7 nights over Christmas.

With the high number of public holidays during this period please remember to make sure check-out dates don't fall on weekends or public holidays.

If you have taiohi in emergency housing

Young people must continue to engage with you and take proactive steps to find adequate accommodation.

To ensure stability over the Christmas period, Emergency Housing may be approved for a maximum period of 14 nights if there is evidence of low availability.



You'll still need to have regular contact with the young person during this period and ensure responsibilities and agreed activities can be achieved



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drop-in sessions in the new year

check out the drop-in schedule for the first quarter in 2024



The online drop-in session will be back in 2025!

The sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10am.

Each week we focus on a different aspect of Youth Service. The sessions allow youth coaches across the motu to connect with each other and build whanaungatanga and learn about things that will help serve taiohi.

Check out the schedule for the first quarter – see you in the sessions next year!

Tuesday 28 January	keeping ourselves well
Wednesday 5 February	induction for new youth coaches
Tuesday 11 February	youth plan and education outcomes
Tuesday 18 February	working with young parents
Tuesday 25 February	face and extra assistance
Tuesday 4 March	programme fund
Wednesday 5 March	induction for new youth coaches
Tuesday 11 March	limited service volunteers (lsv)
Tuesday 18 March	young people aging out
Tuesday 25 March	employment spotlight

Check out the full schedule here:
[drop-in sessions | Youth Service providers](#)

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