



Monthly Newsletter

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Tena Koutou, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei,
Bula Vinaka, Taloha Ni, Kam Na Mauri, Greetings to all!

From the National Office: Important information.

New Payments for School/year start up for **those getting the Unsupported Child Benefit** for your kin/grand's. You should by now have received a letter from Work & Income about this, but I have been most concerned to hear that some have not, so therefore we are sending the information to you direct. These are available from January 13th and will be in your bank account within 10 days. You do have to apply and we have popped the application form for you in this newsletter. Things to remember:

- The child/children **MUST** be in receipt of the Unsupported Child benefit.
- Do not forget to put in your client number.
- Applications take in to your local Work & Income Office.
- You can download the form from

<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/documents/forms/school-and-year-start-up-payment-form.pdf>

Every year between mid-January and the end of February you can apply for the **School and Year Start-up Payment** to help with yearly costs, in particular pre-school or school-related costs such as a school uniform and stationery.

| School and Year Start-up Payment | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Age of child (at end of February) | 2014 | 2015 and on-going |
| 0 - 4 years | \$250 | \$400 |
| 5 - 9 years | \$300 | \$450 |
| 10 - 13 years | \$350 | \$500 |
| 14 years and over | \$400 | \$550 |

School and Year Start-up Payment

How can I apply for the School and Year Start-up Payment?

From 13 January 2014, we'll have a simple application form that you can fill out **online at** www.workandincome.govt.nz If you'd prefer to come in and see us, we'll be happy to help you with your application.

When can I apply for the School and Year Start-up Payment?

You can apply between mid-January and the end of February every year. In 2014 the application period will be between 13 January and 28 February.

I'm caring for more than one child, can I get the School and Year Start-up Payment for each child?

Yes, if you receive the Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit for more than one child, you can get the payment for each of them.

Can I get the School and Year Start-up Payment every year?

Yes, as long as you're receiving the Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit for the child, you can apply for this payment every year between mid-January and the end of February.

Do I need to show proof of my costs to get the School and Year Start-up Payment?

No, you don't need to show us any receipts or quotes to get the School and Year Start-up Payment. However, it is expected that the payment will go towards covering the child's school-related costs, or costs arising at the start of the year.

Why is the School and Year Start-up Payment paid between mid-January and the end of February?

We realise that a lot of costs associated with raising a child can come at the beginning of the year, such as pre-school or school-related costs like fees, clothing and stationery. This payment is to help take the pressure off carers at this time of the year.

What if I can't apply between mid-January and the end of February for the School and Year Start-up Payment?

If you have a good reason for not being able to apply between mid-January and the end of February, such as being in hospital, please talk to us as we may still be able to make this payment to you.

Additional help when getting the Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit

Unless you've received (or have been approved to receive) an upfront payment as part of the Home for Life support package, when you're granted either of these benefits you'll be paid an **Establishment Grant**. This is a one-off contribution to help with the costs when a child first comes into your care, such as a bed, bedding and clothing and you are granted the Unsupported Child Benefit.

Establishment Grant

From 13 January 2014, when you apply for the Unsupported Child's Benefit or Orphan's Benefit, you will automatically receive a one-off grant of \$350 for each child. This is to help you with the costs when a child first comes into your care, such as a bed, bedding and clothing.

For those who have the grand/kin children included in your benefit.

We have fielded phone calls and emails from, understandably upset grand's who do not have access to this extra payment. May I please give some rationale as to why this came about.

- Having the grand's/kin included in your benefit you are paid more than the UCB for them. (Approx. \$1190 per child per year)
- You also may be able to get accommodation and other subsidies.
- 8000 + families (12.000+ children) were in receipt of the UCB as opposed to 500 families who had the children included in their benefit.
- 10 Million per year, amazingly does not go very far. (Approx. \$833 per child per year)
- May we suggest if you have more than one child included in you benefit that you give consideration to leaving the youngest child included and place the others on a UCB. This is totally your choice.

As you know we have may won this part of the battle but the war is not over yet we continue on with Tracey Martin's Bill for full parity for all with Foster Care carers, as attested to with the recent submission forms we recently sent to all. The submissions have now closed and the task begins for those who wished to appear in front of the committee, which of course we will be doing, we thank all who sent in their submission forms and are yet to appear.

Di & Team (you as a caregiver are part of our team) heoi ano, na
E te Atua, aroha mai..... O God shower us with love. Ka kite

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School and Year Start-up Payment application



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The School and Year Start-up Payment helps with the yearly costs of caring for someone else's child, in particular pre-school or school-related costs such as a school uniform and stationery. Carers receiving the Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit can apply for this between mid-January and the end of February every year.

Write your client number here. It can be found on your Community Services Card.

Client number

Tell us your details

1

What is your full name?

First and middle names

Surname or family name

2

What date were you born?

Day Month Year

Tell us how we can contact you

3

Where do you live?

Flat/House number Street name

Suburb

Town/City

HOW TO ANSWER Q3:

If you live in a rural area, flat/house number could include your RAPID number, fire number, emergency services number.

4

HOW TO ANSWER Q4:

Mailing address can include a postal box (PO Box), rural delivery details, or C/O address.

Is your mailing address different from where you live?

☐

No

☐

Yes



Tell us your mailing address

**HOW TO ANSWER Q5:**

Please only give us contact details you would like us to use.

5**How else can we contact you?**

Tick the best way for us to contact you

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Home phone | () | |
| Mobile phone | () | |
| Other mobile phone | () | |
| Email | | |

Tell us which children the payment will be for**6****If you receive the Orphan's or Unsupported Child's Benefit for children in your care, would you like to apply for the School and Year Start-up Payment for them?**☐

No

☐

Yes

**Please tell us which children the payment will be for****Child 1**

Full name

Date of birth

| | | |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Day

Month

Year

Child 2

Full name

Date of birth

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Day

Month

Year

Child 3

Full name

Date of birth

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Day

Month

Year

Child 4

Full name

Date of birth

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Day

Month

Year

Child 5

Full name

Date of birth

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Day

Month

Year

Declaration and signature☐

The information I have provided is true and complete

Applicant's name (print)

Applicant's signature

Date

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