



Oranga Tamariki (Minimum Rates of Payment for Board and Lodgings) Order 2024

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 26th day of February 2024

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 363(5) of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Oranga Tamariki (Minimum Rates of Payment for Board and Lodgings) Order 2024.

2 Commencement

By virtue of section 363(8) of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, this order comes into force on 1 April 2024.

3 Adjustment of minimum rates of payment in respect of board and lodgings of children and young persons

- (1) This order adjusts the rates that—
 - (a) are the minimum rates of payment in respect of board and lodgings payable to persons and organisations in whose charge a child or young person is placed under section 362 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989; and
 - (b) were determined under section 363(1) of that Act; and
 - (c) were in force immediately before the commencement of this order.
- (2) The rates that this order adjusts are increased by 4.6550291%.

4 Revocation

The Oranga Tamariki (Minimum Rates of Payment for Board and Lodgings) Order 2023 (SL 2023/39) is revoked.

Nicola Purvis,
for Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order, which comes into force on 1 April 2024, increases the minimum rates of weekly payment in respect of board and lodgings made to persons and organisations in whose charge a child or young person is placed under section 362 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (the **Act**).

The minimum rates are increased by approximately 4.66% to reflect (as required by section 363(5) of the Act) the annual increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2022 quarter to the December 2023 quarter (calculated for all quarters using the New Zealand Consumers Price Index (All Groups)).

The new weekly rates can be found at <https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz> and from 1 April 2024 will be,—

- for a child aged 0 to 4 years, \$286.08 (increased from \$273.36):
- for a child aged 5 to 9 years, \$288.06 (increased from \$275.25):
- for a child aged 10 to 13 years, \$310.40 (increased from \$296.59):
- for a young person aged 14 years and over, \$332.61 (increased from \$317.82):
- for a child or young person of any age residing with caregivers in a community-based family home provided by Oranga Tamariki, \$315.01 (increased from \$301.00).

These rates are the minimum rates payable only and can be increased in any case by the chief executive of Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (the **chief executive**) to meet the reasonable needs of a child or young person.

In addition to these minimum rates of payment in respect of board and lodgings for a child or young person, the chief executive may, under section 387 of the Act, make other payments (for example, payments for birthdays, holidays, and clothing) that may be necessary to meet the reasonable needs of a child or young person.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

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This order is administered by Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children.