



Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake



Support for families as fuel prices rise



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About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is from **Inland Revenue – Te Tari Taake**.



Inland Revenue – Te Tari Taake is the government agency that looks after things to do with **tax**.



In this document **Inland Revenue – Te Tari Taake** will be called Inland Revenue.



Tax is money that goes to the Government.

When you are paid some of it goes to the government as tax.

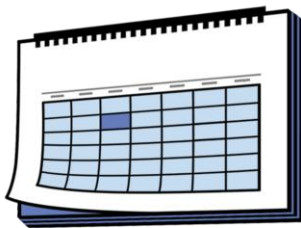


This Easy Read is about an increase to the **in-work tax credit**



Here an **in-work tax credit** is money:

- paid by Inland Revenue
- to people who get **Working for Families**.



Families can choose to get an in-work tax credit paid:

- every week
- every 2 weeks
- at the end of the **tax year** as a lump sum / paid all at once.





The **tax year** goes:

- from 1 April of 1 year
- to 31 March of the next year.



Working for Families is payment given to people who:

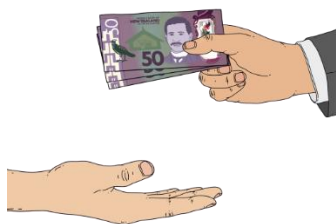
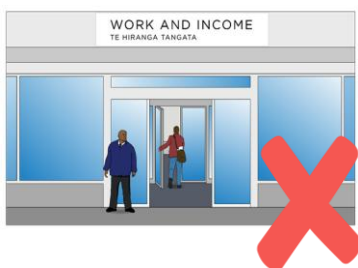
- have children
- earn under an income level / amount of money.





The increase to the in-work tax credit will be for families:

- with children
- who have at least 1 parent working
- who are not getting:
 - a main benefit
 - student allowance.



Here a **main benefit** means:

- Jobseeker Support
- Sole Parent Support
- or
- Supported Living Payment.

Why is the increase happening?



The cost of fuel has gone up.



Fuel means things we use for energy like:

- petrol
- diesel



This is because of the war / fighting in the **Middle East**.



The **Middle East** is part of the world where a lot of fuel comes from.



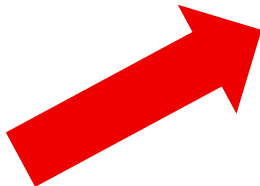
The change in cost makes it hard for people who need a car to:



- get to work
- take children to school
- travel to important places.



Families will need more money because higher fuel prices make everyday life cost more.



Families will get more money for fuel through increasing the in-work tax credit.

How much money will families get?

Some families will get



- 50 dollars each week
- less than 50 dollars each week.



The increase to in-work tax credit will start on 1 April 2026.



It will stop:

- on 31 March 2027

or

- when the cost of petrol is lower.



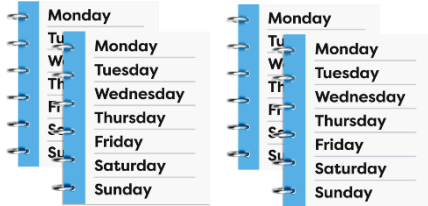


Here the cost of petrol being lower means **91 octane petrol** is:

- less than 3 dollars for every litre

and

- stays that way for 4 weeks in a row.



91 octane petrol is the kind of petrol most people use in their cars.

What families need to do



Most families do not need to do anything.



If a family already gets the in-work tax credit:

- Inland Revenue will send families a letter telling them what money they will get
- the extra amount will happen without families doing anything
- weekly payments will go up from 7 April 2026
- payments that happen every 2 weeks will go up from 14 April 2026.

Your Bank Statement



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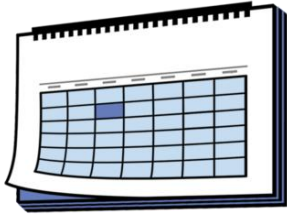
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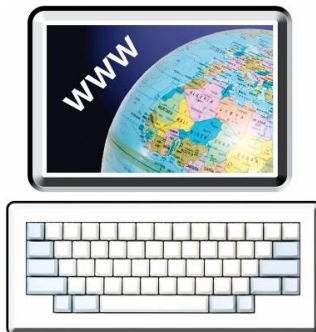
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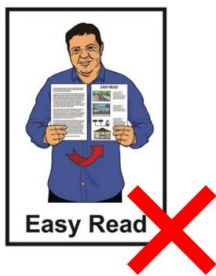
Payments that happen at the end of the tax year will still have the increase made as a lump sum / paid all at once.



If families are not getting the increase to the in-work tax credit

You can figure out if you can get Working for Families by using this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/vjr2y2et>



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You can contact Inland Revenue if you think you might be able to get the increase to the in-work tax credit.



You can contact Inland Revenue using MyIR **online** at:

<https://myir.ird.govt.nz>



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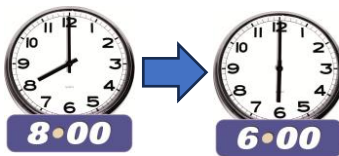
You can phone Inland Revenue on:

0800 227 773



You can call this number from:

- Monday to Friday
- 8 am to 6pm.





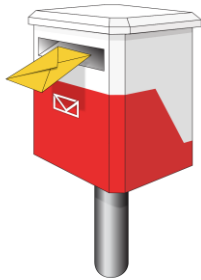
There is information about how to contact us if you are Deaf or hard of hearing at this **website**:

www.ird.govt.nz/contactus/hearing-loss-services



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You can send us a letter by **post** to:



Inland Revenue

PO Box 39019

Wellington Mail Centre

Lower Hutt 5045



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