



Youth Parliament 2025



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About Youth Parliament



Youth Parliament is for young people aged 16 to 24 years old.

Youth means young people.



Parliament is where laws get made in Aotearoa New Zealand.



At Youth Parliament young people learn:

- how the **political process** works
- how **government** works.





The **political process** is how we decide what laws to have in Aotearoa New Zealand.

New Zealand Government

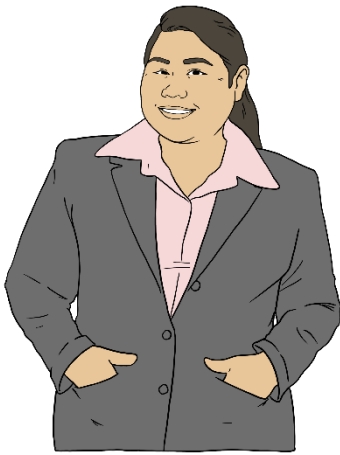


The **government** is the people who run Aotearoa New Zealand like:

- the Prime Minister
- other Ministers
- government departments like the Ministry of Youth Development.

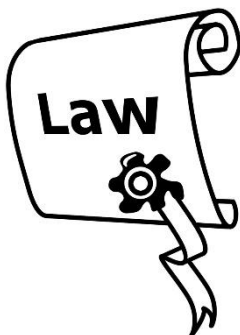


Up to 1 hundred and 43 young people can be part of Youth Parliament.



You can be part of Youth Parliament by being:

- a Youth **Member of Parliament**
- a member of the Youth **Press Gallery**.



A **Member of Parliament** is someone who:

- works at Parliament
- speaks up for the people in the part of Aotearoa New Zealand they come from
- makes laws.

A Member of Parliament is sometimes called an **MP**.



The **Press Gallery** is all the news reporters who work at Parliament.



Being part of Youth Parliament means you can:

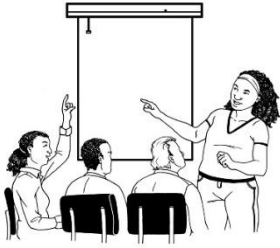
- learn **leadership** skills
- tell the government what you think should happen
- speak up about things that are important to you.



Leadership means things like:

- having a say about things that are important to you
- working with others to make things better for everyone.





If you are part of Youth Parliament you will get:

- training
- support.



Youth Parliament is run by:



- the **Ministry of Youth Development – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi**
- the **Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives – Te Tari o te Manahautū o te Whare Māngai.**

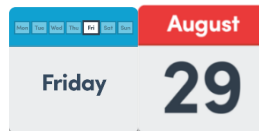
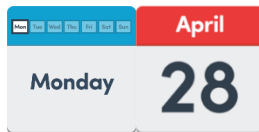


The **Ministry of Youth Development – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi** is the part of government that supports young people aged 12 to 24 years old.



The Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives – Te Tari o te Manahautū o te Whare Māngai makes sure Parliament runs well.

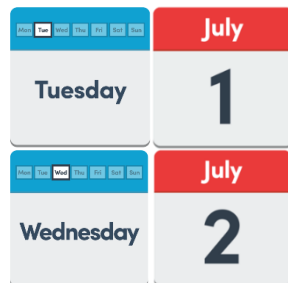
When is Youth Parliament?



Youth Parliament:

- lasts for 4 months
- starts on Monday 28 April 2025
- ends on Friday 29 August 2025.

The main part of Youth Parliament happens at the Parliament buildings in Wellington.

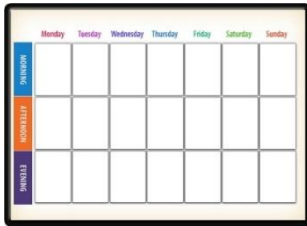


This happens on:

- Tuesday 1 July 2025
- Wednesday 2 July 2025.



Orientation also happens in Wellington.



Orientation is when you learn about:

- where to go during Youth Parliament
- what will happen during Youth Parliament.

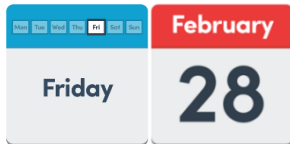


Orientation will happen on Monday 30 June 2025.

How to be a Youth Member of Parliament



You can be a Youth Member of Parliament if you are 16 to 18 years old.



You must be 16 to 18 years old on Friday 28 February 2025 to be a Youth Member of Parliament.



You have to **apply** to be a Youth Member of Parliament.



Application Form

Name

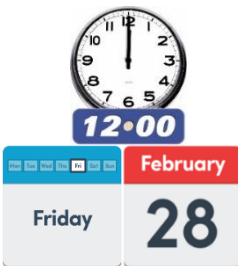
Address

Education

Work Experience

Apply means you:

- ask to be part of Youth Parliament
- send in information to say why you should be part of Youth Parliament.



You must apply before noon on Friday 28 February 2025.



Each Member of Parliament decides who will be their Youth Member of Parliament.



You can contact the Member of Parliament to find out how to apply.



You can find out how to contact Members of Parliament on this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdz383np>



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Some Members of Parliament have information about how to apply for Youth Parliament on their social media like:

- Instagram
- X.

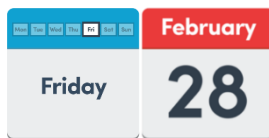


You can look at their social media to see if there is information about how to apply for Youth Parliament.

How to be a member of the Youth Press Gallery



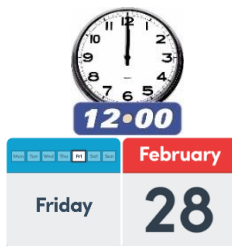
You can be in the Youth Press Gallery if you are 16 to 24 years old.



You must be 16 to 24 years old on Friday 28 February 2025 to be in the Youth Press Gallery.



You have to apply to be in the Youth Press Gallery.



You must apply before noon on Friday 28 February 2025.



Up to 20 people will get chosen to be in the Youth Press Gallery.



You can apply by filling in the form on this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/48wr5tsw>



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Where to find more information



You can contact the people running Youth Parliament if you:

- have questions about Youth Parliament
- want more information.



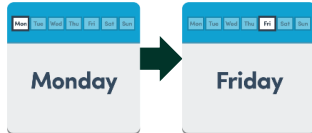
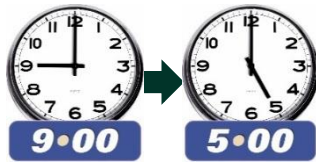
You can **email** them at:

beheard@youthparliament.govt.nz

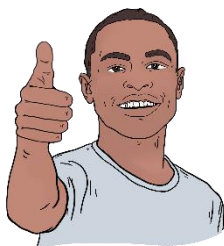


You can **phone** them on:

029 948 4067



Deaf



You can phone from:

- 9am to 5pm
- Monday to Friday.

You can text them if you:

- are Deaf
- are hard of hearing
- are deafblind
- have a speech impairment
- find it hard to talk
- want to text.

You can **text** them on:

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