



6 May 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 28 April 2025, requesting information on calculating the amount of living costs for StudyLink's Student Loan.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The student loan living cost component is adjusted annually, in accordance with the Consumers Price Index (CPI). The majority of benefits administered by the Ministry of Social Development are adjusted on 1 April each year, based on the percentage movement in the CPI over the previous year ending 31 December.

You can read more about the CPI here: www.stats.govt.nz/topics/consumers-price-index/

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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