

# Takutai Moana Pānui

17 November 2025

**This pānui provides updates on timing for upcoming information webinars concerning the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) (Customary Marine Title) Amendment Act, as well as communications on funding and Christmas closedown dates.**

## Webinars planned for early December

We are planning information webinars in early December to help answer pātai about the newly-enacted Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) (Customary Marine Title) Amendment Act, which came into effect on 25 October 2025. (You can read more about this legislation in our 22 October pānui [here](#))

The webinars will cover funding available for applicants impacted by the recent legislation change and how evidence applicants have prepared may need to be updated.

We are holding these webinars a few weeks later than we originally planned and will announce webinar dates and how to register soon, aiming to give people interested in the webinars at least two weeks' notice.

**We look forward to sharing more information with you as soon as we can.**

## Funding for time-sensitive mahi

Funding for time-sensitive Activity-workstream mahi may be available to any applicant where the work includes:

- Seasonally-dependent mahi (eg coastal site visits or fieldwork)
- Collection of evidence from kaumātua or kuia; or

- Other urgent tasks where delay would risk prejudice to the applicant's case.

Time-sensitive funding is considered on a case-by-case basis and must be pre-approved through a Budgeted Workplan submitted to the Takutai Moana funding team. Eligibility for this funding is open to all applicants. Please note any approved costs will be deducted from your Activity workstream balance.

## Christmas close-down dates

Te Tari Whakatau will close from Thursday 25 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026, reopening on Monday 5 January 2026.

## Processing reimbursement requests in 2025

The final day for processing reimbursement request payments this year is Friday 19 December. Requests that are submitted in full by 30 November 2025 will be paid before 19 December. Requests lacking information or those received in December are likely to be processed in 2026. Processing resumes from 5 January 2026.

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