

Supporting more at-risk jobseekers through Mana in Mahi

We're responding to high demand for industry training and employment support through Mana in Mahi.

Wellbeing Budget 2022

Government is investing a further \$10.908 million over two years to continue support through Mana in Mahi and increase the number of placements available.

This initiative will support more people at risk of long-term benefit receipt to take up the Mana in Mahi programme, supporting them into permanent employment and an industry training pathway.

- Mana in Mahi, which is targeted to people at risk of long-term benefit receipt, was expanded in 2020 to provide a higher level of supports for employers and participants.
- Budget 2022 funding maintains this higher level of support and increases the number of funded Mana in Mahi placements from 1,300 to 1,600 (an increase of 300) over two years.
- The increase in placements helps to respond to high demand from job seekers and employers.

This will help to ensure Mana in Mahi participants have access to a high level of support during their first year with their employer, while meeting high demand for the programme.

- Funding will support the delivery of a one-year Mana in Mahi programme that includes an employer wage subsidy, pre-employment support, additional pastoral and education support and incentive payments for participants.
- It also continues to provide a high level of support (including access to a second year of support if required) to people who have joined the programme during the expansion period (5 August 2020 to 4 August 2022).
- The focus of the service from 5 August 2022 will be to support people in their first year of employment and training, to help make them more resilient in the labour force in the future.

Costs (operating) \$m	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25 and outyears	TOTAL
	-	7.355	3.553	-		10.908