

Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes 2019

This instrument is made under sections 7 and 101 of the Social Security Act 2018 by the Minister for Social Development.

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Instrument

- 1 Title**

This instrument is the Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes 2019.
 - 2 Commencement**

This instrument comes into force on 1 April 2019.
 - 3 Principal direction and welfare programmes amended**

This instrument amends the direction and welfare programmes specified in Schedules 1 and 2 (the **principal direction and welfare programmes**).
 - 4 Amendments**

Amend the principal direction and welfare programmes in the manner set out in Schedules 1 and 2.
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Schedule 1

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Amendments to direction and welfare programmes

Direction in relation to Special Benefit (given on 10 February 1999)¹

Schedule

In each provision of the Schedule listed in the first column of the following table, replace the expression set out in the second column with the expression set out in third column.

Column 1 Provision amended	Column 2 Expressions replaced \$	Column 3 Replacement expressions \$
Clause 1(a)	92.01	93.56
Clause 1(b)	128.23	130.40
Clause 1(c)	240.61	244.68
Clause 4(a)	122.59	124.66
Clause 4(b)	173.98	176.92
Clause 4(c)	317.40	322.76
Clause 5	135.56	137.85
Clause 6(b)	173.98	176.92
Clause 6(c)	135.56	137.85
Clause 7(a)	174.24	177.18
Clause 7(b)	174.24	177.18
Clause 7(c)	317.88	323.25
Clause 9	202.70	206.13
Clause 10	292.41	297.35
Clause 13	227.70	231.55
Clause 15	317.40	322.76

Family Start and Early Start (Childcare Assistance) Programme (as established and approved on 12 September 2005)²

Clause 8(3)

In clause 8(3), definition of **c**, replace “\$7.65” with “\$7.78”.

¹ New Zealand Gazette 16 December 1999, No. 193, page 4599.

² New Zealand Gazette 15 December 2005, No. 207, page 5275.

New Employment Transition Grant Programme (as established and approved on 9 December 1998)³

Clause 5.1.1

In clause 5.1.1, replace “\$71.50” with “\$73”.

Clause 5.2

In clause 5.2, replace “\$715” with “\$730”.

Seasonal Work Assistance Programme (as established and approved on 7 July 2002)⁴

Clause 7(3)

In clause 7(3), replace “\$900” with “\$920”.

Schedule 1

In Schedule 1, table, replace with:

Total period of work missed (per week)	For a single applicant with no dependent children	For any other applicant
	\$	\$
8 hours or less	52	92
More than 8 and not more than 16 hours	104	184
More than 16 and not more than 24 hours	156	276
More than 24 and not more than 32 hours	208	368
More than 32 hours	260	460

Schedule 2

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Amendments to welfare programmes

Home Help Programme (as established and approved on 6 May 2004)⁵

Schedule, Clause 1(a)

In the Schedule, clause 1(a), replace “\$17.38” with “\$18.64”.

Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000 (as established and approved on 13 November 2000)⁶

³ New Zealand Gazette 17 December 1998, page 4769.

⁴ New Zealand Gazette 11 July 2002, No.78, page 2079.

⁵ New Zealand Gazette 13 May 2004, No. 52, page 1290.

Schedule

In the Schedule, replace “\$345”, “\$257”, “\$214”, “\$426”, “\$333” and “\$286” with “\$361”, “\$356”, “\$234”, “\$446”, “\$424” and “\$309” respectively.

Special Needs Grants Programme (as established and approved on 18 December 1998)⁷

Insert into clause 3 the following definition in the correct alphabetical order:

“**dentist** has the same meaning as in regulation 3 of the Social Security Regulations 2018”

After clause 13.4.4, replace “Definitions **dentist**, **MSD**, **partner**, **spouse**, Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2” with “Definitions **MSD**, **partner**, **spouse**, Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2; **dentist**, Social Security Regulations 2018, regulation 3.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of February 2019



Minister for Social Development

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the instrument, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This instrument, which comes into force on 1 April 2019, amends a Ministerial direction and a number of Ministerial welfare programmes under the Social Security Act 2018.

Clause 4 and Schedule 1:

- adjusts certain rates, standard costs, and limits in relation to the Direction in relation to Special Benefit, Family Start and Early Start (Childcare Assistance) Programme, New Employment Transition Grant Programme, and Seasonal Work Assistance Programme to reflect a 1.69% increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2017 quarter to the December 2018 quarter (calculated using the CPI All Groups excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products)

Clause 4 and Schedule 2 amends:

- the Home Help Programme, to adjust the hourly rate to reflect a 7.27% increase in the adult minimum wage:
- the Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000 to adjust average regional rents to reflect movements in rentals:

⁶ New Zealand Gazette 16 November 2000, No. 154, page 3995.

⁷ New Zealand Gazette, 28 January 1999, No. 8, page 202

- the Special Needs Grants Programme to amend the definition of “dentist” for the emergency dental grant so that it refers to a definition in regulation 3 of the Social Security Regulations 2018.