

# Direction on Special Benefit Amendment (No 2) 2019

This direction is made under section 7 of the Social Security Act 2018 by the Minister for Social Development.

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## Instrument

### 1 Title

This instrument is the Direction on Special Benefit Amendment (No 2) 2019.

### 2 Commencement

This instrument comes into effect on the day after the date on which it is made.

### 3 Principal direction

This instrument amends the Direction in relation to Special Benefit given on 10 February 1999,<sup>1</sup> and saved under clause 2(1) of Schedule 1 of the Social Security Act 2018 (the **principal direction**).

### 4 Clause 2 amended (Definitions)

In clause 2.1, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order;

#### **Christchurch mosques attack support payment**

(a) means a payment made to a person because they are a person affected by an attack on 15 March 2019 on a Christchurch mosque; and

(b) includes, without limitation, a payment specified in (a) made from donations collected or made by all or any of the following

(i) an organization that has collected donations, for example, by means that are or include any of the following crowdfunding websites:

(A) [www.everydayhero.co.nz](http://www.everydayhero.co.nz);

(B) [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz);

(C) [www.launchgood.com](http://www.launchgood.com);

(ii) businesses:

(iii) employers:

(iv) individuals:

(v) overseas governments.

<sup>1</sup> New Zealand Gazette, 16 December 1999, page 4599, notice 9385.

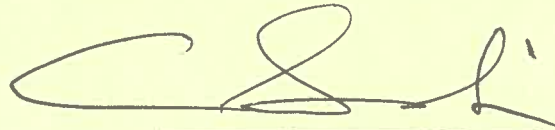
**specified area boundary error**, for a person, means incorrect data relating to the person's accommodation costs (within the meaning of section 61E of the Social Security Act 1964) being entered:

- (a) into a computer system operated by or on behalf of the department;
- (b) as a result of a failure to update the applicable parts of New Zealand in accordance with the definitions of Area 1, Area 2, Area 3 or Area 4 contained in Schedule 18 of the Social Security Act 1964; and
- (c) at any time in the period of 1 April 2005 to the close of 31 March 2018 (inclusive).

In clause 2.1A, after subparagraph (ad), insert:

- (ae) the amount of any lump sum payment made to a person as a Christchurch mosques attack support payment.
- (af) any income derived (directly or indirectly) by the person from the payment referred to in paragraph (ae)
- (ag) the amount of any lump sum payment of arrears of accommodation supplement made to the person, on or after 1 April 2019, and as a result of the department correcting a specified area boundary error; or
- (ah) any income derived in that period by the person from a payment referred to in paragraph (ag).

Dated at Wellington this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 the day after the date on which it was given, amends the direction in relation to Special Benefit to exclude as a person's chargeable income for a period of 12 months—

- any lump sum payment made as a Christchurch mosques attack support payment
- any income derived by the person from such a payment
- any lump sum payment received by a person on or after 1 April 2019 to correct an underpayment of their accommodation supplement because of a specified processing error between 1 April 2005 and the close of 31 March 2018 (inclusive)
- any income derived by the person from such a payment