# Direction on Special Benefit Amendment (No 3) 2019

This instrument 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 in relation to Special Benefit Amendment 2019.

#### 2 Commencement

This instrument comes into force on 16 April 2019.

## 3 Principal direction

This instrument amends the Direction in relation to Special Benefit given on 10 February 1999, saved by 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;

**specified debt repayment** means a debt repayment made to MSD, on or after 1 July 2013, in respect of recoverable financial assistance granted to A to meet certain costs arising from Housing New Zealand Corporation's zero-tolerance methamphetamine contamination policy.

Housing New Zealand's zero-tolerance methamphetamine contamination policy means the policy applied by Housing New Zealand Corporation on

methamphetamine contamination between 1 July 2013 and 1 June 2018.

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

(ai) any lump sum payment made to a person on or after 16 April 2019 by the Ministry of Social Development to refund repayments made against recoverable assistance granted as a result of Housing New Zealand's zero-tolerance methamphetamine policy; and

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

(aj) any income derived (directly or indirectly) by the person from the payment referred to in paragraph (ai).

Dated at Wellington this 15/2

15th 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 16 April 2019 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 to a person on or after 16 April 2019 by the Ministry of Social Development to refund repayments made against recoverable assistance granted as a result of Housing New Zealand's zerotolerance methamphetamine policy:
- any income derived (directly or indirectly) by the person from such a payment.