

Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Amendment 2019

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

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Instrument

1 Title

This instrument is the Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Amendment 2019.

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into force on 16 January 2020.

3 Principal programme

This instrument amends the Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Programme¹ (as established and approved on 6 March 2014 and saved by clause 21 of Schedule 1 of the Social Security Act 2018 as if it were a special assistance programme approved and established under section 101 of the Act) (the **principal programme**).

4 Schedule amended

Clause 3 Education and employment-related training

In the Schedule, clause 3(b), after “educational course”, delete “(not being a post-graduate course)”.

In the Schedule, clause 3(b), insert, after “employment-related training”, “being a course level 3 or below on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework”.

Clause 5 Additional costs associated with employment, study or employment-related training

In the Schedule, clause 5, before “Financial assistance”, insert (1).

In the Schedule, clause 5, after 5(d), insert:

(2) Financial assistance paid for longer education and training courses under this clause is solely for courses level 3 and below on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

¹ New Zealand Gazette, 13 March 2014, page 837

Clause 9 Assistance to access child care or care for people with health condition, injury, or disability or elderly people

In the Schedule, clause 9, before “Financial assistance”, insert (1).

In the Schedule, clause 9, after “education or employment-related training”, insert:

- (1) Financial assistance paid for longer education and training courses under this clause is solely for courses level 3 and below on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of December 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 January 2020, amends the Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Programme to restrict funding for course costs for longer education or training courses to courses which are Level 3 or below on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework. Clause 3(b) of the Schedule to the EWRA programme is amended by replacing “not being a post-graduate degree course” with “being a course level 3 or below on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework”. Clauses 5 and 9 are amended by noting that financial assistance for longer education and training courses under these clauses is solely for courses Level 3 and below on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.