

COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Amendment 2020

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

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Instrument

1 Title

This instrument is the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Amendment 2020.

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into force on 28 April 2020.

3 Principal programme

This instrument amends the COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme¹ (as established and approved on 17 April 2020) (the **principal programme**).

4 Clause 4 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In clause 4(1), definition of **domestic rate**, replace “or the appropriate rate of Veteran’s Pension contained in regulation 42 of the VSA” with “or the appropriate rate of Veteran’s Pension contained in regulation 42 of the Veterans’ Support Regulations 2014”.
- (2) In clause 4(1), definition of **supplementary assistance**, delete the existing definition and replace with:

supplementary assistance means the following assistance payable—

- (a) under the Act:
 - i. Accommodation Supplement;
 - ii. Child Disability Allowance;
 - iii. Disability Allowance;
 - iv. Orphan’s Benefit;
 - v. Special Benefit;
 - vi. Special Disability Allowance;

¹ New Zealand Gazette, 21 April 2020, notice 2020-go1713.

- vii. Temporary Additional Support;
 - viii. Unsupported Child's Benefit; and
 - ix. Winter Energy Payment; or
- (b) under the Ministerial Welfare Programmes: the Temporary Accommodation Assistance (Canterbury Earthquake) Programme and the Income Support Package and COVID-19 Recovery Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme; or
- (c) Transitional Subsidy, paid under the Social Security (Support for Children in Hardship- Transitional Subsidy) Regulations 2016, as saved by Clause 67 of Schedule 1 of the Act.

5 Clause 15 amended (Commencement)

- (1) In clause 15, heading, replace '**Commencement**' with '**Commencement of assistance**'
- (2) In clause 15, paragraph (a), replace "under clause 7" with "under clause 6".

Dated at Wellington this day of 2020

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 28 April 2020, amends the COVID-19 New Zealander Stranded Overseas Support Programme. It corrects a number of technical errors in the principal programme. The first correction is to the definition of domestic rate in relation to Veterans' Pension as the relevant rates are found in reg 42 of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (not the VSA). The second correction updates the definition of supplementary assistance for accuracy and the final correction amends the heading and an error contained within clause 15 as a person applies under clause 6 of the programme (not clause 7).