

Benefit Rate Increase (Transitional Assistance) Amendment (No 2) 2021

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

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Instrument

1 Title

This instrument is the Benefit Rate Increase (Transitional Assistance) Amendment (No 2) 2021.

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into effect immediately after it is signed.

3 Programme amended

This instrument amends the Benefit Rate Increase (Transitional Assistance) Programme 2021¹ (as established and approved on 23 May 2021) (the **principal programme**).

4 Clause 5 amended (Application of the Social Security Act 2018)

(1) In clause 5(1), after “under the Act”, insert “(subject to subclause (2A))”.

(2) In clause 5, after subclause (2), insert:

(2A) Section 219 of the Act does not apply to persons mentioned in subclause (2) who are eligible for transitional assistance under clause 8A.

¹ New Zealand Gazette, 23 May 2021, notice 2021-go2015.

5 New clause 11A inserted

After clause 11, insert:

(11A) Absence from New Zealand

If an applicant is eligible for transitional assistance under clause 8A, the fact of their absence from New Zealand at any point does not of itself preclude them from receiving or continuing to receive that transitional assistance, as long as they are otherwise eligible for and entitled to receive sole parent accommodation benefit.



Minister for Social Development and Employment

At *Auckland* this *25th* day of *July* 2021

Explanatory Note

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

This instrument, which comes into effect immediately after it is signed, amends the principal programme so that the fact of a sole parent student applicant being absent from New Zealand does not of itself prevent them from receiving, or continuing to receive, transitional assistance under the principal programme as long as they are otherwise eligible and entitled to receive sole parent accommodation benefit.