

Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes 2021

This instrument is made under sections 7 and 101 of the Social Security Act 2018 by the Minister for Social Development and Employment.

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Instrument

- Title**
This instrument is the Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes 2021.
 - Commencement**
This instrument comes into force on 1 April 2021.
 - Principal direction and welfare programmes amended**
This instrument amends the direction and welfare programmes specified in Schedules 1 and 2 (the **principal direction and welfare programmes**).
 - Amendments**
Amend the principal direction and welfare programmes in the manner set out in Schedules 1 and 2.
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Schedule 1

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Amendments to direction

Direction in relation to Special Benefit (given on 10 February 1999)¹In clause 2.1, definition of **chargeable income**, replace subparagraph (f)(i) with

- (i) any periodical payments received under section 101 of the Act under any welfare programme not listed in subparagraphs (ii) or (iii) (other than any payments made under the Abatement Threshold Increase (Transitional Assistance) Programme 2021, the Away from Home Allowance Programme, the Employment and Work Readiness Assistance Programme for education and employment-related training costs and associated additional costs, the Families Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme, the Home Help Programme, the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme, the Individual Support Payments Programme, the Social Rehabilitation Assistance Programme, or the Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000, or other periodical payments intended to pay or reimburse specified costs of the applicant); and

Schedule

In each provision of the Schedule listed in the first column of the following table, replace the expression set out in the second column with the expression set out in third column.

Column 1 Provision amended	Column 2 Expressions replaced \$	Column 3 Replacement expressions \$
Clause 1(a)	95.11	96.21
Clause 1(b)	132.57	134.10
Clause 1(c)	248.75	251.62
Clause 4(a)	126.73	128.19
Clause 4(b)	179.86	181.94
Clause 4(c)	328.12	331.91
Clause 5	140.14	141.76
Clause 6(b)	179.86	181.94
Clause 6(c)	140.14	141.76
Clause 7(a)	180.12	182.20

¹ New Zealand Gazette 16 December 1999, No. 193, page 4599.

Column 1 Provision amended	Column 2 Expressions replaced \$	Column 3 Replacement expressions \$
Clause 7(b)	180.12	182.20
Clause 7(c)	328.62	332.41
Clause 9	209.56	211.98
Clause 10	302.29	305.78
Clause 13	235.40	238.12
Clause 15	328.12	331.91

Schedule 2

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Amendments to welfare programmes

Family Start and Early Start (Childcare Assistance) Programme
(as established and approved on 12 September 2005)²

Clause 8(3)

In clause 8(3), definition of c, replace “\$7.91” with “\$8”.

New Employment Transition Grant Programme (as established and approved on 9 December 1998)³

Clause 5.1.1

In clause 5.1.1, replace “\$74.50” with “\$75.50”.

Clause 5.2

In clause 5.2, replace “\$745” with “\$755”.

Seasonal Work Assistance Programme (as established and approved on 7 July 2002)⁴

Clause 7(3)

In clause 7(3), replace “\$2,149” with “\$2,176”.

Schedule 1

In Schedule 1, table, replace with:

Hours lost (over the week)	Maximum weekly amounts of Seasonal Work Assistance payments
8 hours or less	\$128

² New Zealand Gazette 15 December 2005, No. 207, page 5275.

³ New Zealand Gazette 17 December 1998, page 4769.

⁴ New Zealand Gazette 11 July 2002, No.78, page 2079.

More than 8 and not more than 16 hours	\$256
More than 16 and not more than 24 hours	\$384
More than 24 and not more than 32 hours	\$512
More than 32 hours	\$640

Home Help Programme (as established and approved on 6 May 2004)⁵

Schedule, Clause 1(a)

In the Schedule, clause 1(a), replace "\$19.90" with "\$21.06".

Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000 (as established and approved on 13 November 2000)⁶

Schedule

- (1) In the Schedule, clause 1, replace "\$366" with "\$380".
- (2) In the Schedule, clause 2, replace "\$328" with "\$339".
- (3) In the Schedule, clause 3, replace "\$243", with "\$258".
- (4) In the Schedule, clause 4, replace "\$460" with "\$472".
- (5) In the Schedule, clause 5, replace "\$404" with "\$424".
- (6) In the Schedule, clause 6, replace "\$322" with "\$338".

Special Needs Grants Programme (as established and approved on 18 December 1998)⁷

Clause 18.8

In clause 18.8 replace each instance of "\$90" with "\$160".

Dated at *Wellington* this *4th* day of *March* 2021



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⁵ New Zealand Gazette 13 May 2004, No. 52, page 1290.

⁶ New Zealand Gazette 16 November 2000, No. 154, page 3995.

⁷ New Zealand Gazette 28 January 1999, No. 563, page 202.

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 1 April 2021, amends the Direction in relation to Special Benefit and a number of Ministerial welfare programmes under the Social Security Act 2018:

Clause 4 and Schedule 1:

- adjusts standard costs, in relation to the Direction in relation to Special Benefit to reflect a 1.15% increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2019 quarter to the December 2020 quarter (calculated using the CPI All Groups excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products)
- amends the definition of ‘chargeable income’ to exclude the Abatement Threshold (Transitional Assistance) Payment 2021 welfare programme

Clause 4 and Schedule 2 amends:

- adjusts certain rates and limits in relation to Family Start and Early Start (Childcare Assistance) Programme, New Employment Transition Grant Programme, and Seasonal Work Assistance Programme, to reflect a 1.15% increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2019 quarter to the December 2020 quarter (calculated using the CPI All Groups excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products)
- the Home Help Programme, to adjust the hourly rate to reflect a 3.09% increase in the adult minimum wage:
- the Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000 to adjust average regional rents to reflect movements in rentals:
- the Special Needs Grants Programme to reflect the increase to the abatement thresholds for jobseeker support under the Social Security Act 2018.