

Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes (No 3) 2021

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

Contents

	Page
1 Title.....	1
2 Commencement	1
3 Direction and welfare programmes amended	1
Schedule.....	2
Amendments to directions and welfare programmes	2

Instrument

1 Title

This instrument is the Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes (No 3) 2021.

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into force on 1 November 2021.

3 Direction and welfare programmes amended

This instrument amends the Direction on Advance Payments of Instalments of Benefit, the Recoverable Assistance Programme, and the Special Needs Grants Programme in the manner set out in the Schedule.

Schedule

Amendments to direction and welfare programmes

Direction on Advance Payments of Instalments of Benefit (as established and approved on 25 May 1999)¹

Clause 2

In clause 2.3(b), replace “Part 2 of that Schedule” with “clause 2.4”

After clause 2.3, insert:

2.4 The appropriate amount of income in subclause 2.3(b) is:

- (a) for a single person aged 16 or 17 years without dependent children, \$640 per week:
- (b) for any other single person without dependent children, \$800 per week:
- (c) for a person who is in a relationship with or without dependent children, \$1,600 per week:
- (d) for a sole parent with 1 dependent child, \$1,100 per week:
- (e) for any other sole parent, \$1,400 per week.

Recoverable Assistance Programme (as established and approved on 15 February 1999)²

Clause 7

In clause 7.1, replace “unless his or her income is less than 52 times appropriate amount in Part 2 of Schedule 5 in the Act” with “if his or her income is in excess of 52 times the appropriate amount in clause 7.4”

After clause 7.3, insert:

7.4 The appropriate amount of income in clause 7.1 is:

- (a) for a single person aged 16 or 17 years without dependent children, \$640 per week:
- (b) for any other single person without dependent children, \$800 per week:
- (c) for a person who is in a relationship with or without dependent children, \$1,600 per week:
- (d) for a sole parent with 1 dependent child, \$1,100 per week:
- (e) for any other sole parent, \$1,400 per week.

¹ New Zealand Gazette 24 June 1999, No. 1999-go4503, page 1687.

² New Zealand Gazette 25 February 1999, No. 1999-go1349, page 567.

Special Needs Grants Programme (as established and approved on 18 December 1998)³

Clause 3

In clause 3.1, definition of **income**, delete the words “and clause 7.3.”.

Clause 7

Replace clause 7.1 with:

7.1 Except for the purposes of clauses 14A and 15.6, an applicant is not entitled to a grant if his or her income is in excess of the appropriate amount:

- (a) for a single person aged 16 or 17 years without dependent children, \$640 per week:
- (b) for any other single person without dependent children, \$800 per week:
- (c) for a person who is in a relationship with or without dependent children, \$1,600 per week:
- (d) for a sole parent with 1 dependent child, \$1,100 per week:
- (e) for any other sole parent, \$1,400 per week.

After clause 7.1, insert:

7.1A For the purposes of clause 14A, an applicant is not entitled to a grant if his or her income is in excess of the appropriate amount in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Act.

In clause 7.2, after “7.1” insert “and 7.1A”.

In clause 7.2, after paragraph (c), insert:

- (d) the amount of any payments under the New Employment Transition Grant Programme, the Seasonal Work Assistance Programme or the Work Bonus Programme approved under section 124(1)(d) of the Social Security Act 1964 (and saved by clause 21 of Schedule 1 of the Act) made to the applicant or his or her spouse or partner.

Revoke clause 7.3 “An applicant's income also includes the amount of any payments under the New Employment Transition Grant Programme or the Seasonal Work Assistance Programme or the Work Bonus Programme approved under section 124(1)(d) of the Social Security Act 1964 (and saved by clause 21 of Schedule 1 of the Act) made to the applicant or his or her spouse or partner.”.

³ New Zealand Gazette 28 January 1999, No. 563, page 202.

Clause 14A

In clause 14A.3, replace “7.1” with “7.1A”.

Clause 15.6

Replace clause 15.6.1(d) with:

(d) whose income is not in excess of the amount in clause 7.1(b).

Dated at Auckland this 25th day of October 2021



Minister for Social Development and Employment

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 November 2021, amends the Direction on Advance Payments of Instalments of Benefit, the Recoverable Assistance Programme and the Special Needs Grants Programme to change the income limits for assistance.

In relation to the Special Needs Grants Programme, the income limits for emergency housing grants remain unchanged.

These changes are intended to be in place for a 4-month period until 28 February 2022. A further amendment to the Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes will be made for 28 February 2022.