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## Exempting the Cost of Living payment from being considered income or a cash asset for welfare support

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*9 June 2022, Cabinet paper – Exempting the Cost of Living payment from being considered income or a cash asset for welfare support*

*9 June 2022, Cabinet Legislation Committee Minute LEG-22-MIN-0099, Cabinet Office*

*13 June 2022, Cabinet Minute CAB-22-MIN-0230, Cabinet Office.*

Amendments to the Social Security Regulations 2018 and the Student Allowances Regulations 1998 are required to exclude the Cost of Living payment from being considered income or a cash asset for welfare support to ensure clients do not receive a reduction in other financial assistance.

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