



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022

**Portfolio**                      **Social Development and Employment**

On 10 March 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that 15 December 2021, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) agreed to extend eligibility for student loans and student allowances to those who gain refugee or protected person status while living in New Zealand, prior to applying for or gaining a New Zealand resident visa, and their immediate family who can transition to residency with those holding refugee or protected person status [SWC-21-SUB-0225];
- 2        **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
  - 2.1        so that the Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 can come into force on 27 March 2022;
  - 2.2        to allow StudyLink to receive and process potential applications for student allowances for periods of study starting on or after 1 May 2022;
  - 2.2        on the grounds that the changes only confer benefits to the public;
- 3        **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so the Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 can come into force on 27 March 2022;
- 4        **noted** the Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- 5        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 [PCO 24581/5.0].

Rebecca Davies  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Michael Wood  
Hon Kiri Allan  
Hon Dr David Clark  
Hon Meka Whaitiri  
Hon Phil Twyford  
Kieran McAnulty, MP

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for LEG