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## **Changes to the Exemption for Ex Gratia and Compensation Payments**

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These documents have been proactively released.

Cabinet minute confirmed on 17 June 2019.

### **17 June 2019, Changes to the Exemption for Ex Gratia and Compensation Payments – Office of the Minister for Social Development**

Cabinet has agreed to amend the Social Security Regulations 2018 and the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Regulations 2018 to extend the exemption for ex gratia and compensation payments in recognition of harm to defined New Zealand-based non-Crown entities and remove the 12-month time limit to create a permanent exemption.

Some parts of this information release would not be appropriate to release and, if requested, would be withheld under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Where this is the case, the relevant sections of the Act that would apply have been identified. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it. This is the key to the redaction codes used for this release:

- Section 9(2)(a): This information is withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv): This information is under active consideration. The release of this information at this time would be likely to prejudice the ability of government to consider advice and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.
- Out of scope: Material unrelated to the information released.

Note:

- The Order in Council for the Social Security (Cash Assets and Income Exemptions—Ex Gratia and Compensation Payments) Amendment Regulations 2019 has been released publicly on the New Zealand legislation website here:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2019/0128/latest/whole.html>

- The Order in Council for the Residential Care and Disability Support Services (Exempt Assets—Ex Gratia and Compensation Payments) Amendment Regulations 2019 has been released publicly on the New Zealand legislation website here:

<http://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2019/0129/7.0/LMS209251.html>

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