

Training Incentive Allowance (Fees Free) Amendment 2024

This instrument is made under section 101(1) of the Social Security Act 2018 by the Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment.

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Instrument

1 Title

This instrument is the Training Incentive Allowance (Fees Free) Amendment 2024.

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into force on 1 January 2025.

3 Programme amended

This instrument amends the Training Incentive Allowance Programme established and approved on 24 March 2021 (the **principal programme**).

4 Clause 4 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In clause 4(1), revoke the definition of **Fees Free Programme**.
- (2) In clause 4(1), insert the following definition in the appropriate alphabetical order:

first-year Fees Free Programme means the Fees Free Tertiary Education and Training policy as set out in the funding delegation issued to the Tertiary Education Commission by the Minister of Education, as it applied on 31 December 2024

5 Clause 9 amended (Further considerations when granting assistance)

In clause 9, replace paragraph (4) with:

- (4) MSD must not grant financial assistance to an eligible applicant to pay compulsory course fees, if those compulsory course fees have been or can be met through the first-year Fees Free Programme.

Dated at Wellington this 13th day of November 2024



Associate 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 January 2025, amends the requirement that MSD must not grant financial assistance to pay compulsory course fees, if those course fees can be met through the Fees Free Programme. These amendments are intended to align with the changes to the Fees Free Programme, from providing assistance for the first year of tertiary education course fees to the final year of course fees. The requirement that MSD must not grant financial assistance to pay compulsory course fees if those course fees can be met through the Fees Free Programme has been amended to limit this exclusion to people who continue to meet the first-year Fees Free eligibility criteria.