

Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes 2020

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

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Instrument

- 1 Title**
This instrument is the Instrument amending Ministerial Direction and Welfare Programmes 2020.
 - 2 Commencement**
This instrument comes into force on 1 April 2020.
 - 3 Principal direction and welfare programmes amended**
This instrument amends the direction and welfare programmes specified in the Schedule (the **principal direction and welfare programmes**).
 - 4 Amendments**
Amend the principal direction and welfare programmes in the manner set out in the Schedule.
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Schedule

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Amendments to direction

Direction in relation to Special Benefit (given on 10 February 1999)¹

In clause 2.1, definition of **chargeable income**, paragraph (f)(i), after "Families Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme", insert "the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme".

Schedule

In each provision of the Schedule listed in the first column of the following table, replace the expression set out in the second column with the expression set out in third column.

Column 1 Provision amended	Column 2 Expressions replaced \$	Column 3 Replacement expressions \$
Clause 1(a)	93.56	95.11
Clause 1(b)	130.40	132.57
Clause 1(c)	244.68	248.75
Clause 4(a)	124.66	126.73
Clause 4(b)	176.92	179.86
Clause 4(c)	322.76	328.12
Clause 5	137.85	140.14
Clause 6(b)	176.92	179.86
Clause 6(c)	137.85	140.14
Clause 7(a)	177.18	180.12
Clause 7(b)	177.18	180.12
Clause 7(c)	323.25	328.62
Clause 9	206.13	209.56
Clause 10	297.35	302.29
Clause 13	231.55	235.40
Clause 15	322.76	328.12

¹ New Zealand Gazette 16 December 1999, No. 193, page 4599.

Amendments to welfare programmes

Family Start and Early Start (Childcare Assistance) Programme
(as established and approved on 12 September 2005)²

Clause 8(3)

In clause 8(3), definition of c, replace “\$7.78” with “\$7.91”.

Home Help Programme (as established and approved on 6 May 2004)³

Schedule, Clause 1(a)

In the Schedule, clause 1(a), replace “\$18.64” with “\$19.90”.

New Employment Transition Grant Programme (as established and approved on 9 December 1998)⁴

Clause 5.1.1

In clause 5.1.1, replace “\$73” with “\$74.50”.

Clause 5.2

In clause 5.2, replace “\$730” with “\$745”.

Seasonal Work Assistance Programme (as established and approved on 7 July 2002)⁵

Clause 7(3)

In clause 7(3), replace “\$920” with “\$940”.

Schedule 1

In Schedule 1, table, replace with:

Total period of work missed (per week)	For a single applicant with no dependent children \$	For any other applicant \$
8 hours or less	53	94
More than 8 and not more than 16 hours	106	188
More than 16 and not more than 24 hours	159	282
More than 24 and not more than 32 hours	212	376
More than 32 hours	265	470

² New Zealand Gazette 15 December 2005, No. 207, page 5275.

³ New Zealand Gazette 13 May 2004, No. 52, page 1290.

⁴ New Zealand Gazette 17 December 1998, page 4769.

⁵ New Zealand Gazette 11 July 2002, No.78, page 2079.

Special Needs Grant Programme (as established and approved on 18 December 1998)⁶

Clause 18.8

In clause 18.8, replace “\$80” with “\$90”.

Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000 (as established and approved on 13 November 2000)⁷

Schedule

In the Schedule, replace “\$361”, “\$356”, “\$234”, “\$446”, “\$424” and “\$309” with “\$366”, “\$328”, “\$243”, “\$460”, “\$404” and “\$322” respectively.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of February 2020



Minister for Social Development

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 April 2020, amends a Ministerial direction and a number of Ministerial welfare programmes under the Social Security Act 2018.

Clause 4 and Schedule, amendments to direction:

- adjusts certain rates, standard costs, and limits in relation to the Direction in relation to Special Benefit to reflect a 1.66% increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2018 quarter to the December 2019 quarter (calculated using the CPI All Groups excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products)
- amends the Direction in relation to Special Benefit to exclude payments made under the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme from the definition of chargeable income.

Clause 4 and Schedule, amendments to welfare programmes:

- adjusts certain rates, standard costs, and limits in relation to welfare programmes including the Family Start and Early Start (Childcare Assistance) Programme, New Employment Transition Grant Programme, and Seasonal Work Assistance Programme to reflect a 1.66% increase in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2018 quarter to the

⁶ New Zealand Gazette 28 January 1999, No. 154, page 202.

⁷ New Zealand Gazette 16 November 2000, No. 154, page 3995.

December 2019 quarter (calculated using the CPI All Groups excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products)

- amends the Home Help Programme, to adjust the hourly rate to reflect a 6.78% increase in the adult minimum wage:
- amends the Special Needs Grant Programme, to adjust the income abatement rate for assistance to Farmers, from \$80 to \$90, in line with Income Support Package decisions.
- amends the Special Transfer Allowance Programme 2000 to adjust average regional rents to reflect movements in rentals.