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ANNUAL GENERAL ADJUSTMENT 2026

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23 February 2026, Cabinet paper – ANNUAL GENERAL ADJUSTMENT 2026

23 February 2026, Cabinet Business Committee Minute CBC-26-MIN-0001, Cabinet Office.

The Annual General Adjustment (AGA) fulfils the statutory requirement, set out in the Social Security Act 2018, Cabinet decisions, and long-standing practice, to update a range of rates from 1 April each year. This includes main benefits, Student Allowances, the Orphan's Benefit, the Unsupported Child's Benefit, Foster Care Allowance minimum board-and-lodging rates, Community Services card income thresholds, main benefits for long-term hospital patients, and New Zealand Superannuation.

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