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Social Security (Cash Asset Exemption—Bonus Payments) Amendment Regulations 2026

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These documents have been proactively released.

3 September 2026, Cabinet paper - Social Security (Cash Asset Exemption—Bonus Payments) Amendment Regulations 2026

3 September 2026, Cabinet Legislation Committee Minute LEG-26-MIN-0186, Cabinet Office.

Amendments to the Social Security Act 2018 are required to ensure that \$1,000 lump sum payments made under the Bonus Payment Programme are exempt as cash assets for 12 months when assessing eligibility for all assistance dependent on the Accommodation Supplement cash asset test.

The following documents that accompanied the Cabinet paper are already public:

- Consistency Accountability Statement: Social Security (Cash Asset Exemption—Bonus Payments) Amendment Regulations 2026. [CAS: Social Security \(Cash Asset Exemption—Bonus Payments\) Amendment Regulations 2026 - Ministry of Social Development](#)
- Summary of Underpinning Analysis: Social Security (Cash Asset Exemption—Bonus Payments) Amendment Regulations 2026. [CAS: Social Security \(Cash Asset Exemption—Bonus Payments\) Amendment Regulations 2026 - Ministry of Social Development](#)

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