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Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down—Parental Income Requirement) Amendment Regulations 2026, and Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026: Approval for submission to the Executive Council

Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and Employment

These documents have been proactively released.

14 September 2026, Cabinet paper - Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down—Parental Income Requirement) Amendment Regulations 2026, and Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026: Approval for submission to the Executive Council

24 September 2026, Cabinet Legislation Committee, LEG-26-MIN-0214 Cabinet Office.

This Cabinet paper seeks authorisation for submission to the Executive Council of two amendments to the Social Security Regulations 2018. The first is the Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down—Parental Income Requirement) Amendment Regulations 2026 which supports implementation of the Parental Assistance Test for 18 and 19 year olds applying for Jobseeker Support (or equivalent Emergency Benefit). The second is the Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026 which supports the effective implementation and administration of the mandatory reviews scheme.

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The following documents are already available to the public:

- Regulatory Impact Statement: Tightening access to Jobseeker Support and Emergency Benefit for 18 and 19 year olds regulatory-impact-statement-tightening-eligibility-for-18-and-19-year-olds.pdf

- *Regulatory Impact Statement – Automated Decision Making in the welfare system and addendum* regulatory-impact-statement-automated-decision-making-in-the-welfare-system-and-addendum.pdf
- Consistency Accountability Statement: Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down – Parental Income Requirement) Amendment Regulations 2026 CAS: Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down — Parental Income Requirement) Amendment Regulations 2026 - Ministry of Social Development
- *Consistency Accountability Statement: Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026 CAS: Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026 - Ministry of Social Development*

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