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Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations 2026

Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and Employment

These documents have been proactively released.

31 August 2026, Cabinet paper – Social Security (Modernisation) Amendment Regulations 2026

31 August 2026, Cabinet Minute CAB-26-MIN-0287, Cabinet Office.

This paper seeks authorisation from Cabinet to submit amendment regulations to Executive Council. This gives effect to the Minister for Social Development and Employment's decision on transitional arrangements for specified benefits subject to mandatory reviews coming into force on 1 October 2026.

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

- Consistency Accountability Statement and Summary of Underpinning Analysis to comply with the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/consistency-accountability-statements/social-security-modernisation-amendment-regulations-2026/index.html
- Regulatory Impact Statement: Automated decision-making in the welfare system and addendum https://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/regulatory-impact-statements/regulatory-impact-statement-automated-decision-making-in-the-welfare-system-and-addendum.pdf

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