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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your telephone call of 20 October 2025, requesting the legislation that changed the Jobseeker reapplication timeframe.

Please see the Social Security Amendment Act 2025 for the amendments to the Social Security Act 2018. This is the legislation that made the changes around the Jobseeker reapplication timeframe, and is found at the following publicly available link: www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2025/0025/latest/whole.html. Section 70 of the Social Security Amendment Act 2025 amended the expiry date for Jobseeker Support.

For further information on these changes, please refer to the Ministry's publicly available Map pages here:

- [Reapplication process at 26 weeks - Map](#)
- [52 week reapplication process for clients whose benefit commenced before 1 July 2025 - Map](#)
- [Charging income - Map](#)
- [Temporary employment period for sole parent and grandparented clients before 30 June 2026 - Map](#)

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

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