



# **Social Security (COVID-19 Income Relief Payment to be Income) Amendment Act 2020**

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Commencement    see section 2

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### **The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

- 1    Title**  
This Act is the Social Security (COVID-19 Income Relief Payment to be Income) Amendment Act 2020.
- 2    Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on 8 June 2020.

### 3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Social Security Act 2018.

## Part 1 Substantive amendments

### 4 Schedule 2 amended

In Schedule 2, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

**COVID-19 income relief payment** means all or a portion of a payment under the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme

**COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme** means—

- (a) that programme as approved and established under section 101; or
- (b) if that programme is revoked, a programme—
  - (i) also approved and established under section 101; and
  - (ii) that, with or without modification, replaces, or that corresponds to, that programme

### 5 Schedule 3 amended

- (1) In Schedule 3, clause 8(a), after “any benefit, grant, allowance, or concession received by the person under this Act”, insert “(but *see* clause 8A)”.
- (2) In Schedule 3, after clause 8, insert:

#### **8A Exception to exclusion in clause 8(a): income includes COVID-19 income relief payment**

- (1) Despite clause 8(a), a person’s income includes a COVID-19 income relief payment received by the person.
- (2) However, a payment of that kind is not income of the person for the purposes of the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme.

## Part 2 Transitional, savings, and related provisions

### 6 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1, after Part 3, insert the Part 4 set out in the Schedule of this Act.

**Schedule**  
**New Part 4 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018**

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**Part 4**  
**Provisions relating to Social Security (COVID-19 Income Relief  
Payment to be Income) Amendment Act 2020**

**80 Repeals and amendment**

- (1) This clause takes effect when the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme is revoked and not replaced.
- (2) In Schedule 2, repeal the definitions of **COVID-19 income relief payment** and **COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme**.
- (3) In Schedule 3, clause 8(a), delete “(but *see* clause 8A)”.
- (4) In Schedule 3, repeal clause 8A.
- (5) In this clause, **COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme** has the meaning in section 4 of the Social Security (COVID-19 Income Relief Payment to be Income) Amendment Act 2020.

**81 Effect of repeal or amendment of provisions ensuring COVID-19 income relief payment is income**

The repeal or amendment, by clause 80, of any provisions does not affect their previous operation—

- (a) on or after 8 June 2020; and
- (b) before they are repealed or amended by clause 80.

**Legislative history**

26 May 2020	Introduction (Bill 267–1)
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2 June 2020	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Social Development.