



Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 2 March 2026.

Part 1
Amendments to Social Security Act 2018

3 Principal Act

This Part amends the Social Security Act 2018.

4 New section 65AAA inserted (Accommodation supplement: interpretation)

Before section 65, insert:

65AAA Accommodation supplement: interpretation

In this subpart and Part 7 of Schedule 4, unless the context otherwise requires,—

accommodation costs, for a person (P) and a period, means,—

- (a) if P owns the premises at which P resides and paragraph (b) does not apply, the total amount of all payments (including essential repairs and maintenance, local authority rates, and house insurance premiums, but excluding any service costs and any arrears) that,—
 - (i) subject to clause 18 of Schedule 3, are required to be made for the period under any mortgage security for money advanced under that security to acquire those premises, or to repay advances similarly secured; or
 - (ii) MSD is satisfied are reasonably required to be made in relation to those premises for the period:
- (b) if P resides at premises that P owns as a joint tenant, or as a tenant in common, with another person or other persons residing at those prem-

ises, the share of the total amount described in paragraph (a) that MSD is satisfied that P is paying:

- (c) if P resides at any social housing in relation to which P is an additional resident, 62% of P’s contributions for the period (excluding any arrears):
- (d) if P is a boarder, 62% of the amount paid by P for the period for board and lodgings at the premises at which P resides (excluding any arrears):
- (e) in any other case, the amount of rent that MSD is satisfied that P has paid for the period in respect of the premises at which P resides (excluding any service costs and any arrears)

boarder—

- (a) means a person—
 - (i) who resides, and pays for board and lodgings, at a boarding house; or
 - (ii) who—
 - (A) resides at any other premises; and
 - (B) makes payments for board and lodgings at those other premises that do not include a separately identifiable component that is paid for lodgings; but
- (b) does not include a person who resides at any social housing

boarding house has the same meaning as in section 66B of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986

contributions has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

service costs, in relation to any premises,—

- (a) means the cost as reasonably determined by MSD of any services (for example, electricity supply, gas supply, telephone network connection, or broadband Internet connection) provided to or in connection with the premises for consumption or use by the occupants of the premises; but
- (b) does not include the cost of water supplied to the premises.

5 Section 65 amended (Accommodation supplement: discretionary grant)

- (1) In the heading to section 65, replace “**discretionary grant**” with “**requirements**”.
- (2) In section 65(1), replace “MSD may grant a person (P), for the period that MSD determines,” with “A person (P) is entitled to”.
- (3) Repeal section 65(2).

6 Section 66 amended (Social housing exclusion)

- (1) Replace the heading to section 66 with “**Accommodation supplement: social housing exclusion**”.

- (2) In section 66(1), replace “section 65” with “section 65AAA”.
- (3) Repeal section 66(2) and (3).

7 Section 67 amended (Other funding exclusion)

Replace the heading to section 67 with “**Accommodation supplement: other funding exclusion**”.

8 Section 68 amended (Accommodation supplement: special rules for joint tenants who are in relationship)

- (1) In section 68(1), after “occupied”, insert “as a residence”.
- (2) In section 68(1)(b),—
 - (a) replace “accommodation costs” with “weekly qualifying accommodation costs” in each place; and
 - (b) replace “section 65” with “clause 7 of Part 7 of Schedule 4”.
- (3) Replace section 68(2) with:

- (2) In this section,—

cash assets—

- (a) means—
 - (i) money saved with a bank or other institution, money invested with a bank or other institution, or money banked with a bank or other institution;
 - (ii) money invested in securities, bonds, or debentures, or advanced on mortgage;
 - (iii) money withdrawn from a KiwiSaver scheme registered under subpart 2 of Part 4 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013;
 - (iv) money invested in shares in a partnership or limited liability company or other incorporated or unincorporated body; but
- (b) does not include—
 - (i) any contributions to, or any member’s interest in, any KiwiSaver scheme that is registered under subpart 2 of Part 4 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013; or
 - (ii) any item or kind of cash assets or any amount of cash assets exempted by regulations made under section 423(1)(b)

tenant, in relation to rented premises, includes a person who pays rent in respect of the premises, whether or not the person is a party to the tenancy agreement or lease of the premises.

9 Section 69 amended (Accommodation supplement: refusal, reduction, or cancellation of grant in certain circumstances)

After section 69(3), insert:

- (3A) MSD must refuse to grant an accommodation supplement if MSD is satisfied that it would, if granted, be payable at a rate of zero.
- (3B) MSD must cancel an accommodation supplement that has been granted if it has been payable at a rate of zero for 8 consecutive weeks.

10 New section 108A and cross-heading inserted

After section 108, insert:

Obligations in relation to discrepancies in information received

108A Obligations in relation to discrepancies in information received relevant to housing assistance

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) MSD identifies a discrepancy between—
 - (i) information received by MSD from a beneficiary (**A**) who is receiving housing assistance; and
 - (ii) information received by MSD from—
 - (A) another beneficiary (**B**) who is receiving housing assistance; or
 - (B) a tenant of social housing (**B**) who pays an income-related rent; and
 - (b) the discrepancy is in information that is relevant for the purposes of ascertaining—
 - (i) either or both of the following:
 - (A) whether A is, or remains, entitled to receive housing assistance, or the rate of housing assistance, that is being paid to A:
 - (B) whether A was not entitled to receive housing assistance, or the rate of housing assistance, that was paid to A; and
 - (ii) any 1 or more of the following:
 - (A) whether B is, or remains, entitled to receive housing assistance, or the rate of housing assistance, that is being paid to B:
 - (B) whether B was not entitled to receive housing assistance, or the rate of housing assistance, that was paid to B:
 - (C) whether the income-related rent that B is paying or some other income-related rent is now appropriate:
 - (D) whether the income-related rent that B was paying at some earlier time or some other income-related rent was appropriate; and

- (c) the discrepancy is not resolved to MSD's satisfaction, within 1 working day after MSD identified the discrepancy, as a result of MSD doing either or both of the following:
 - (i) checking with A that the information that MSD received from A correctly reflects what A intended to provide to MSD;
 - (ii) checking with B that the information that MSD received from B correctly reflects what B intended to provide to MSD.
- (2) MSD must notify A and B of the particulars of the discrepancy as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (3) If the discrepancy is not resolved to MSD's satisfaction within 10 working days from the date on which MSD notified A and B of the particulars of the discrepancy, MSD must suspend, with effect starting on the first working day after the end of that 10-working-day period,—
 - (a) any housing assistance that is payable to A; and
 - (b) any housing assistance that is payable to B.
- (4) If the discrepancy is not resolved to MSD's satisfaction within 8 weeks of the date on which the suspensions took effect, MSD must cancel—
 - (a) any housing assistance that has been granted to A; and
 - (b) any housing assistance that has been granted to B.
- (5) If there is an inconsistency between this section and another provision of this Act, this section prevails.
- (6) In this section,—

housing assistance means a benefit that is—

 - (a) an accommodation supplement; or
 - (b) temporary additional support; or
 - (c) a special benefit continued under section 23 of the Social Security (Working for Families) Amendment Act 2004 (as that section is saved by clause 19 of Schedule 1 of this Act)

income-related rent and **tenant** have the same meanings as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992.

11 Section 162 amended (Obligations of young person granted youth support payment)

- (1) In section 162(2), replace the definition of **accommodation costs** with:

accommodation costs, for a young person and a period, has the same meaning as in section 65AAA except that,—

 - (a) if the person resides at any social housing in relation to which the person is an additional resident, it means 100% of the person's contributions (as defined in section 65AAA) for the period; and

(b) if the person is a boarder, it means 100% of the amount paid by the person for the period for board and lodgings at the premises at which they reside

- (2) In section 162(2), definition of **service costs**, replace “section 65” with “section 65AAA”.

12 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1,—

- (a) insert the Part set out in Schedule 1 of this Act as the last Part; and
(b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

13 Schedule 2 amended

- (1) In Schedule 2, definition of **accommodation costs**, paragraph (a), replace “section 65(2)” with “section 65AAA”.
- (2) In Schedule 2, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

accommodation income is defined in clause 7 of Part 7 of Schedule 4 for the purposes of that Part

additional resident has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

agency is defined in clause 8(3) of Schedule 3 for the purposes of clause 8 of Schedule 3

boarder is defined in section 65AAA for the purposes of subpart 10 of Part 2 and Part 7 of Schedule 4 (accommodation supplement)

boarding house is defined in section 65AAA for the purposes of subpart 10 of Part 2 and Part 7 of Schedule 4 (accommodation supplement)

contributions is defined in section 65AAA for the purposes of subpart 10 of Part 2 and Part 7 of Schedule 4 (accommodation supplement)

housing assistance is defined in section 108A(6) for the purposes of section 108A

income-related rent has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

Kāinga Ora–Homes and Communities means Kāinga Ora–Homes and Communities established by the Kāinga Ora–Homes and Communities Act 2019

Kāinga Ora housing is defined in clause 8(3) of Schedule 3 for the purposes of clause 8 of Schedule 3

market rent is defined in clause 8(3) of Schedule 3 for the purposes of clause 8 of Schedule 3

weekly qualifying accommodation costs is defined in clause 7 of Part 7 of Schedule 4 for the purposes of that Part

- (3) In Schedule 2, repeal the definition of **premises**.

- (4) In Schedule 2, replace the definition of **registered community housing provider** with:

registered community housing provider has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

- (5) In Schedule 2, definition of **service costs**, paragraph (a), replace “section 65” with “section 65AAA”.

- (6) In Schedule 2, replace the definition of **social housing** with:

social housing has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

- (7) In Schedule 2, replace the definition of **tenant** with:

tenant—

- (a) is defined in section 68(2) for the purposes of section 68; and
- (b) is defined in clause 8(3) of Schedule 3 for the purposes of clause 8 of Schedule 3

14 Schedule 3 amended

- (1) In Schedule 3, clause 8, after paragraph (p), insert:

(q) if the person is an applicable person (as defined in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992) in relation to any social housing,—

(i) 38% of the value of any goods or services provided or paid for—

(A) by an additional resident; and

(B) for any 1 or more of the reasons set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of the definition of contributions in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992:

(ii) 38% of any payment made to the person—

(A) by an additional resident; and

(B) for any 1 or more of the reasons set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of the definition of contributions in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992:

(r) 38% of any amount that—

(i) is received by the person from a boarder (as defined in section 65AAA) for board and lodgings at the premises at which the person resides; and

(ii) is not derived by the person from a business carried on by the person.

- (2) In Schedule 3, clause 8, insert as subclauses (2) and (3):

(2) In addition, the income of a person who has accommodation income for a period excludes the person's accommodation income for the period to the extent that it does not exceed,—

- (a) if the person resides at any social housing and is not an additional resident in relation to that housing, the market rent for that housing for the period; or
- (b) in any other case, the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$a \times (1 - ((b + c + d) \div e))$$

where—

a is the person's accommodation costs for the period

b is,—

- (i) if the person does not use any separately identifiable part of the premises at which they reside primarily for business purposes during the period, zero; or
- (ii) if paragraph (i) does not apply, the sum of the areas of each separately identifiable part of the premises at which the person resides that the person uses primarily for business purposes during the period

c is,—

- (i) if, during the period, the person does not let any self-contained part of the premises at which they reside to another person or other persons who reside at those premises, zero; or
- (ii) if paragraph (i) does not apply, the sum of the areas of each self-contained part of the premises at which the person resides that, during the period, the person lets to another person or other persons who reside at those premises

d is,—

- (i) if, during the period, the person does not let any separately identifiable part of the premises at which they reside to another person or other persons who do not reside at those premises, zero; or
- (ii) if paragraph (i) does not apply, the sum of the areas of each separately identifiable part of the premises at which the person resides that, during the period, the person lets to another person or other persons who do not reside at those premises

e is the total area of the premises at which the person resides.

(3) In this clause,—

accommodation costs has the meaning given to it by section 65AAA

accommodation income has the meaning given to it by clause 7 of Part 7 of Schedule 4

agency has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

Kāinga Ora housing has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

market rent,—

- (a) for Kāinga Ora housing and for a period, means the rent notified to the agency by Kāinga Ora—Homes and Communities—
 - (i) as being the market rent for that housing; and
 - (ii) most recently before the agency last calculated or reviewed an income-related rent for a tenant of that housing before the start of the period:
- (b) for housing provided by a registered community housing provider and for a period, means the rent notified to the agency by the provider—
 - (i) as being the market rent for that housing; and
 - (ii) most recently before the agency last calculated or reviewed an income-related rent for a tenant of that housing before the start of the period

tenant has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992.

- (3) In Schedule 3, clause 18(2), replace “section 65” with “section 65AAA”.

15 Schedule 4 amended

- (1) In Schedule 4, Part 7, clauses 1, 2, and 3, replace “rent or payments for board and lodgings” with “rent, contributions, or payments for board and lodgings”.
- (2) In Schedule 4, Part 7, clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, replace “weekly accommodation costs” with “weekly qualifying accommodation costs”.
- (3) In Schedule 4, Part 7, replace clause 7 with:

7 In this Part,—

accommodation income, for a person (**P**) and a period, means the sum of—

- (a) all rent paid to P for the period by other persons (not being additional residents or boarders) residing at the premises at which P resides in consideration of the right to occupy those premises or a non-self-contained part of those premises (excluding any service costs, any arrears, and any rent that is income from a business carried on by P); and
- (b) 62% of all contributions received by P for the period from additional residents residing at the premises at which P resides (excluding any arrears); and
- (c) 62% of the total amount of all payments for board and lodgings at those premises made to P for the period by boarders residing at those premises

(excluding any arrears and any payments that are income from a business carried on by P)

dependent child (as defined in Schedule 2) excludes a child in respect of whom an orphan's benefit or an unsupported child's benefit is being paid

weekly qualifying accommodation costs, for a person, means the greater of zero and the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$a \times (1 - ((b + c + d) \div e)) - f$$

where—

- a is the person's weekly accommodation costs
- b is,—
 - (a) if the person does not use any separately identifiable part of the premises at which they reside primarily for business purposes, zero; or
 - (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, the sum of the areas of each separately identifiable part of the premises at which the person resides that the person uses primarily for business purposes
- c is,—
 - (a) if the person does not let any self-contained part of the premises at which they reside to another person or other persons who reside at those premises, zero; or
 - (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, the sum of the areas of each self-contained part of the premises at which the person resides that the person lets to another person or other persons who reside at those premises
- d is,—
 - (a) if the person does not let any separately identifiable part of the premises at which they reside to another person or other persons who do not reside at those premises, zero; or
 - (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, the sum of the areas of each separately identifiable part of the premises at which the person resides that the person lets to another person or other persons who do not reside at those premises
- e is the total area of the premises at which the person resides
- f is the person's weekly accommodation income.

*Consequential amendments to Residential Care and Disability Support
Services Act 2018*

16 Principal Act

Sections 17 and 18 amend the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018.

17 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

In section 5, definition of **accommodation costs**, replace “section 65” with “section 65AAA”.

18 Schedule 3 amended

In Schedule 3, clause 1(d), replace “section 65” with “section 65AAA”.

Part 2 Amendments to other legislation

Subpart 1—Amendments to Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992

19 Principal Act

This subpart amends the Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992.

20 Section 73 amended (Changes in rent)

Replace section 73(4) with:

- (4) In the case of an increase in rent, the notice must comply with section 24 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986, except—
- (a) subsections (1)(d) to (h) and (1A) of that section do not apply to the increase in rent if Kāinga Ora—Homes and Communities has received a notification from the agency under sections 106 and 118A(3) of this Act that the rent for the housing must be its market rent for the time being;
 - (b) to the extent that section 74 of this Act provides otherwise, in any other case.

21 Section 93 amended (Changes in rent)

Replace section 93(4) with:

- (4) In the case of an increase in rent, the notice must comply with section 24 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986, except—
- (a) subsections (1)(d) to (h) and (1A) of that section do not apply to the increase in rent if the registered community housing provider has received a notification from the agency under sections 106 and 118A(3) of this Act that the rent for the housing may be determined by the provider but must not exceed its market rent for the time being;
 - (b) to the extent that section 94 of this Act provides otherwise, in any other case.

22 Section 106 amended (Agency must notify social housing providers of tenant's income-related rent)

Replace section 106(3) with:

- (3) An updated notification must state—
- (a) whether the change in income-related rent is due to a change in the tenant's circumstances or the circumstances of any other applicable person and, if so, the date the change in circumstances occurred; and

- (b) whether the change in income-related rent is required or permitted under section 118A(3).

23 Section 107 amended (Calculating income-related rents)

- (1) In section 107(1)(a), delete “by reference to household income”.
- (2) In section 107(1)(b), delete “by reference to benefit levels”.
- (3) In section 107(2), replace “calculated by reference to household income” with “referred to in subsection (1)(a)”.
- (4) After section 107(2)(c), insert:
 - (d) if the applicable persons receive contributions from additional residents, 62% of the sum of the contributions from the additional residents.
- (5) In section 107(3), replace “calculated by reference to benefit levels” with “referred to in subsection (1)(b)”.
- (6) After section 107(3)(b), insert:
 - (c) if the applicable persons receive contributions from additional residents, 62% of the sum of the contributions from the additional residents.

24 Section 109 amended (Certain amounts included in weekly income)

Repeal section 109(2) and (4).

25 New section 118A inserted (Discrepancies in information received relevant to income-related rent)

After section 118, insert:

118A Discrepancies in information received relevant to income-related rent

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) the agency identifies a discrepancy between—
 - (i) information received by the agency from a tenant of social housing (**A**) who pays an income-related rent; and
 - (ii) information received by the agency from another person (**B**) who is receiving housing assistance; and
 - (b) the discrepancy is in information that is relevant for the purposes of ascertaining either or both of the following:
 - (i) whether the income-related rent that A is paying or some other income-related rent is now appropriate;
 - (ii) whether the income-related rent that A was paying at some earlier time or some other income-related rent was appropriate; and
 - (c) the discrepancy is not resolved to the agency’s satisfaction, within 1 working day after the agency identified the discrepancy, as a result of the agency doing either or both of the following:

- (i) checking with A that the information that the agency received from A correctly reflects what A intended to provide to the agency:
 - (ii) checking with B that the information that the agency received from B correctly reflects what B intended to provide to the agency.
- (2) The agency must notify A and B of the particulars of the discrepancy as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (3) If the discrepancy is not resolved to the agency's satisfaction within 10 working days from the date on which the agency notified A and B of the particulars of the discrepancy, the agency must, on the first working day after the end of that 10-working-day period, provide notification to the social housing provider under section 106 that, as applicable,—
 - (a) the rent for the housing must be its market rent for the time being, in accordance with section 72(3); or
 - (b) the rent for the housing may be determined by the registered community housing provider but must not exceed its market rent for the time being, in accordance with section 92(3).
- (4) If there is an inconsistency between this section and another provision of this Act, this section prevails.
- (5) In this section, **housing assistance** has the same meaning as in section 108A(6) of the Social Security Act 2018.

26 Schedule 4 amended

In Schedule 4,—

- (a) insert the Part set out in Schedule 2 of this Act as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

Subpart 2—Amendments to Public and Community Housing
Management (Prescribed Elements of Calculation Mechanism)
Regulations 2018

27 Principal regulations

This subpart amends the Public and Community Housing Management (Prescribed Elements of Calculation Mechanism) Regulations 2018.

28 Regulations 11 and 12 and cross-heading above regulation 11 revoked

Revoke regulations 11 and 12 and the cross-heading above regulation 11.

29 Regulation 14 amended (Certain amounts or payments not to be income)

After regulation 14(a), insert:

- (aa) for a person who is an applicable person in relation to any social housing,—
 - (i) the value of any goods or services provided or paid for—
 - (A) by an additional resident; and
 - (B) for any 1 or more of the reasons set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of the definition of contributions in section 2(1) of the Act;
 - (ii) any payment made to the person—
 - (A) by an additional resident; and
 - (B) for any 1 or more of the reasons set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of the definition of contributions in section 2(1) of the Act; or

30 Schedule amended

In the Schedule,—

- (a) insert the Part set out in Schedule 3 of this Act as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

Schedule 1
New Part 11 inserted into Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018

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Part 11
Provisions relating to Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025

104 How MSD must decide accommodation supplement application made, but not decided, before 2 March 2026

- (1) This clause applies if, before 2 March 2026,—
 - (a) an application for an accommodation supplement was made; and
 - (b) the application—
 - (i) was not withdrawn; and
 - (ii) did not lapse; and
 - (c) MSD did not make a decision under section 301 in relation to the application.
- (2) Section 65AAA and the amendments to sections 65, 66, and 69 made by sections 5, 6, and 9 of the Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025 do not apply for the purposes of the decision required to be made under section 301 in relation to the application.

105 Transitional provision for persons granted benefit or other assistance before 2 March 2026

- (1) This clause applies to a person who—
 - (a) was receiving a benefit or other assistance under this Act immediately before 2 March 2026; or
 - (b) was granted a benefit or other assistance under this Act before 2 March 2026 that—
 - (i) commences on or after 2 March 2026; or
 - (ii) immediately before 2 March 2026, was subject to a suspension.
- (2) Section 65AAA and the amendments to section 68, clause 18 of Schedule 3, and Schedule 4 made by sections 8, 14(3), and 15 of the Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025 apply to the person for weeks starting on or after 2 March 2026.
- (3) This clause is subject to clause 104.

Schedule 2
**New Part 6 inserted into Schedule 4 of Public and Community
Housing Management Act 1992**

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Part 6
**Provisions relating to Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation
Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025**

24 Meaning of amendments

In this Part, **amendments** means the amendments made to this Act by sections 23 and 24 of the Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025.

25 Application of amendments: general rule

- (1) The amendments apply for weeks starting on or after 2 March 2026.
- (2) This clause is subject to clauses 26 and 27.

26 How agency must make income-related rent calculation applied for, but not made, before 2 March 2026

- (1) This clause applies if,—
 - (a) before 2 March 2026, a tenant has applied to the agency for it to calculate an income-related rent; and
 - (b) the agency is required under section 104(2) to calculate the income-related rent for the time being for the tenant, but did not do so before 2 March 2026.
- (2) The amendments do not apply for the purposes of the calculation the agency is required to make under section 104(2).

27 Application of amendments to reviews of income-related rents begun before 2 March 2026

The amendments do not apply for the purposes of any review under section 116 (reviews of income-related rents) begun before 2 March 2026.

Schedule 3

New Part 4 inserted into Schedule of Public and Community Housing Management (Prescribed Elements of Calculation Mechanism) Regulations 2018

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Part 4

Provisions relating to Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025

5 Meaning of amendments

In this Part, **amendments** means the amendments made to these regulations by sections 28 and 29 of the Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025.

6 Application of amendments: general rule

- (1) The amendments apply for weeks starting on or after 2 March 2026.
- (2) This clause is subject to clauses 7 and 8.

7 How agency must make income-related rent calculation applied for, but not made, before 2 March 2026

- (1) This clause applies if,—
 - (a) before 2 March 2026, a tenant has applied to the agency for it to calculate an income-related rent; and
 - (b) the agency is required under section 104(2) to calculate the income-related rent for the time being for the tenant, but did not do so before 2 March 2026.
- (2) The amendments do not apply for the purposes of the calculation the agency is required to make under section 104(2).

8 Application of amendments to reviews of income-related rents begun before 2 March 2026

The amendments do not apply for the purposes of any review under section 116 (reviews of income-related rents) begun before 2 March 2026.

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