



Social Security (Childcare Assistance—Cohort Entry Policy) Amendment Regulations 2019

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 11th day of November 2019

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 424 of the Social Security Act 2018 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Social Security (Childcare Assistance—Cohort Entry Policy) Amendment Regulations 2019.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 January 2020.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Social Security Regulations 2018 (the **principal regulations**).

4 Regulation 30 amended (Eligibility of child for payment of childcare subsidy)

- (1) In regulation 30(1)(b), replace “not be enrolled in that school until the term start date of the next term” with “be enrolled in that school not earlier than the child’s fifth birthday on a date that is a term start date or a mid-term start date”.
- (2) Replace regulation 30(2) with:
- (2) Eligibility under subclause (1)(b) ends on the first term start date or mid-term start date to occur on or after the child’s fifth birthday.
- (3) In this regulation, **mid-term start date** and **term start date** have the meanings given in section 5B of the Education Act 1989.

5 Regulation 38 amended (Eligibility of child for payment of OSCAR subsidy)

Revoke regulation 38(c)(ii).

6 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1, after Part 1, insert the Part 2 set out in the Schedule of these regulations.

Schedule

New Part 2 of Schedule 1 inserted

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Part 2

Provision relating to Social Security (Childcare Assistance—Cohort Entry Policy) Amendment Regulations 2019

Eligibility for payment of OSCAR subsidy of child who is at least 4 years old, and enrolled in and attending school that has cohort entry policy in place

2 Effect of revocation of regulation 38(c)(ii)

The revocation of regulation 38(c)(ii) on 1 January 2020 does not affect a child's eligibility for payment of an OSCAR subsidy under that regulation as in force before that date.

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 January 2020, amend the Social Security Regulations 2018. The amendments—

- adjust the eligibility criteria for a childcare subsidy in respect of children who are 5 and yet to be enrolled in a school with a cohort entry policy in place; and
- revoke the provision for an OSCAR subsidy in respect of children who are at least 4 and enrolled in and attending a school with a cohort entry policy in place.

Regulatory impact assessment

The Ministry of Education produced a regulatory impact assessment on 13 September 2018 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact assessment can be found at—

- <http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/ria>

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