



## Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down— Coronavirus COVID-19) Amendment Regulations 2020

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

### Order in Council

At Wellington this 9th day of March 2020

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 440 of the Social Security Act 2018—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the Minister's recommendation made under section 440(4) and (5) of that Act.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down—Coronavirus COVID-19) Amendment Regulations 2020.

### 2 Commencement

- (1) These regulations come into force on 13 March 2020.
- (2) However, regulation 5 comes into force on 23 November 2020.

### 3 Principal regulations

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

### 4 New regulation 179A inserted (Exemptions from stand down: coronavirus COVID-19)

After regulation 179, insert:

#### **179A Exemptions from stand down: coronavirus COVID-19**

- (1) This regulation applies to a benefit if—
  - (a) the applicant became entitled to receive it on or after 23 March 2020 and before 23 November 2020; and
  - (b) the application for it was received on or after 23 March 2020 and before 23 November 2020.
- (2) The benefit commences on the date on which the applicant became entitled to receive it if the application for it was received within 28 days after that date and the benefit is—
  - (a) sole parent support; or
  - (b) a supported living payment; or
  - (c) jobseeker support granted on the ground of health condition, injury, or disability; or
  - (d) jobseeker support granted to a sole parent, or to a person to whom section 30(1)(e) of the Act (which relates to having lost the regular support of a spouse or partner who is subject to a sentence of imprisonment, etc) applies; or
  - (e) jobseeker support granted to a person who has recently lost the financial support of the person's spouse or partner because of death, the spouses or partners commencing to live apart, or the ending of a de facto relationship; or
  - (f) a youth payment; or
  - (g) a young parent payment.

- (3) If the benefit does not commence under subclause (2), the benefit commences on whichever of the following occurs later:
- (a) the date on which the applicant became entitled to receive it:
  - (b) the date on which the application for it was received.

**5 Regulation 179A revoked (Exemptions from stand down: coronavirus COVID-19)**

Revoke regulation 179A.

**6 Schedule 1 amended**

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

**Schedule**  
**New Part 2A inserted into Schedule 1**

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**Part 2A**  
**Provisions relating to Social Security (Exemption from Stand  
Down—Coronavirus COVID-19) Amendment Regulations 2020**

**2A Effect of revocation of regulation 179A**

The revocation of regulation 179A on 23 November 2020 does not affect the operation of 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, most of which come into force on 13 March 2020, are made under the Social Security Act 2018. To address effects of the coronavirus COVID-19, they exempt a benefit from a stand down if—

- the applicant became entitled to receive it on or after 23 March 2020 and before 23 November 2020; and
- the application for it was received on or after 23 March 2020 and before 23 November 2020.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Social Development.