

Reprint
as at 12 December 2020



**Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances)
(COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020**
(LI 2020/49)

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 23rd day of March 2020

Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

This order is made under sections 452 and 452A of the Social Security Act 2018 and section 13 of the Interpretation Act 1999 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Note

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

This order is administered by the Ministry of Social Development.

Schedule
New Parts 3 and 4 of Schedule 2 of principal order

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 27 March 2020.

Order: confirmed, on 12 December 2020, by section 13(b) of the Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2020 (2020 No 66).

3 Principal order

This order amends the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2020 (the **principal order**).

4 Clause 2 amended (Commencement)

In clause 2(2)(d), replace “4” with “3, 4,”.

5 Clause 6 amended (Discretionary increases under section 452 of Social Security Act 2018)

After clause 6(2), insert:

- (3) In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 listed in the first column of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of this order, replace the amount set out opposite to that provision in the second column with the amount set out opposite to that provision in the third column.
- (4) In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 listed in the first column of Part 4 of Schedule 2 of this order, replace the amount set out opposite to that provision in the second column with the amount set out opposite to that provision in the third column.

6 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1, Part 1, item relating to Schedule 4, Part 3, after the item relating to clause 1(h)(ii), insert:

Clause 2	358.07	380.11
	45.63	47.03

7 Schedule 2 amended

- (1) In Schedule 2, the Part 1 heading, replace “**asset limits, etc**” with “**income limits, allowances, and asset limits**”.

- (2) In Schedule 2, Part 1, revoke the item relating to Schedule 4, Part 3, clause 2 and the heading above that item.
- (3) In Schedule 2, Part 1, insert in their appropriate numerical order:
Schedule 4, Part 6 (Youth payment and young parent payment income limits)
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| Clause 11 | 220.90 | 224.58 |
| | 270.90 | 274.58 |
| Clause 12 | 220.90 | 224.58 |
| | 320.90 | 324.58 |
- (4) In Schedule 2, after Part 2, insert the Parts 3 and 4 set out in the Schedule of this order.

Schedule
New Parts 3 and 4 of Schedule 2 of principal order

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Part 3		
COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to social security benefits		
Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 1 (Jobseeker support)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	150.48	175.48
Clause 1(b)	188.10	213.10
Clause 1(c)	235.11	260.11
Clause 1(d)	225.74	250.74
Clause 1(e)	350.17	375.17
Clause 1(f)	350.17	375.17
Clause 1(g)(i)	188.10	200.60
Clause 1(g)(ii)	201.53	214.03
Clause 1(h)(i)	188.10	200.60
Clause 1(h)(ii)	214.96	227.46
Clause 1(i)(i)	188.10	200.60
Clause 1(i)(ii)	214.96	227.46
Clause 1(j)(i)	376.20	401.20
Clause 1(j)(ii)	403.06	428.06
Clause 2	188.10	200.60
Clause 3(i)	188.10	200.60
Clause 3(ii)	201.53	214.03
<i>Schedule 4, Part 2 (Sole parent support)</i>		
Clause 1	350.17	375.17
<i>Schedule 4, Part 3 (Supported living payment)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	228.31	253.31
Clause 1(b)	282.14	307.14
Clause 1(c)	397.50	422.50

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
Clause 1(d)(i)	235.11	247.61
Clause 1(d)(ii)	248.54	261.04
Clause 1(e)(i)	235.11	247.61
Clause 1(e)(ii)	261.96	274.46
Clause 1(f)(i)	235.11	247.61
Clause 1(f)(ii)	261.96	274.46
Clause 1(g)(i)	470.22	495.22
Clause 1(g)(ii)	497.08	522.08
Clause 1(h)(i)	235.11	247.61
Clause 1(h)(ii)	261.96	274.46
Clause 2	380.11	392.61
	47.03	59.53
Clause 7(a)	235.11	247.61
Clause 7(b)	261.96	274.46
<i>Schedule 4, Part 6 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 1	188.10	213.10
Clause 2	177.34	202.34
Clause 3	350.17	375.17
Clause 4	188.10	200.60
Clause 5(a)	214.96	227.46
Clause 5(b)	201.53	214.03
<i>Schedule 4, Part 10 (Rates of generally abolished former widows' benefits under section 21 of Social Security Act 1964 as saved by clause 55 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	350.17	375.17
Clause 2	235.11	260.11
<i>Schedule 4, Part 11 (Rates of generally abolished former DPB for solo parents under section 27B of Social Security Act 1964 as saved by clause 55 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	350.17	375.17
Clause 2	235.11	260.11

Part 4

COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to winter energy payment

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 8 (Winter energy payment)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	450	900
Clause 1(b)	700	1,400
Clause 1(c)	700	1,400

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order, which comes into force on 27 March 2020, amends the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2020 (the **principal order**) made under the Social Security Act 2018 (the **Act**). Adjustments or increases made by the principal order (including those adjustments or increases as amended by this order) come into force at, or immediately after, the start of 1 April 2020.

Mandatory adjustment: rate of supported living payment

Clauses 6 and 7(2) relocate, in the principal order, the item relating to the increase in the rate of supported living payment set out in clause 2 of Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the Act. To correct a misdescription of the increase, this item is relocated, in the principal order, from Part 1 of Schedule 2 (discretionary increases) to Part 1 of Schedule 1 (mandatory adjustments).

Discretionary increases: income limits for youth payment and young parent payment

Clause 7(3) makes discretionary increases, inadvertently omitted from Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the principal order, to income limits for youth payment and young parent payment. These increases are informed by the increase of 1.66% in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2018 quarter to the December 2019 quarter.

Discretionary increases: COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to social security benefits

Clauses 5 and 7(4) insert in the principal order *new clause 6(3)* and *new Part 3* of Schedule 2. To address economic impacts of COVID-19, that *new Part 3* makes discretionary increases to rates of the following benefits:

- jobseeker support:
- sole parent support:
- supported living payment:
- youth payment and young parent payment:
- former widows' benefit:
- former domestic purposes benefit.

Discretionary increases: COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to winter energy payment

Clauses 5 and 7(4) also insert in the principal order *new clause 6(4)* and *new Part 4* of Schedule 2. To address economic impacts of COVID-19, that *new Part 4* makes discretionary increases to rates of winter energy payment. These increases will apply for the 22-week winter period starting on 1 May 2020.

Order is confirmable instrument and annual confirmable instrument

This order is a confirmable instrument, and an annual confirmable instrument, under section 47B of the Legislation Act 2012. It is revoked, or taken to have been invalid for past operation, at the close of 30 June 2021 unless earlier confirmed by an Act of Parliament. That stated time is the applicable deadline under section 47C(1)(a) of the Legislation Act 2012.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 26 March 2020.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 that incorporates all the amendments to that order as at the date of the last amendment to it.

2 *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2020 (2020 No 66): section 13(b)