



Social Security (Rates of Main Benefits) Order 2021

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 24th day of May 2021

Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

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

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Social Security (Rates of Main Benefits) Order 2021.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 1 July 2021.

3 Discretionary increases to main benefits

In each provision of Schedule 4 of the Social Security Act 2018 listed in the first column of the Schedule 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.

Schedule 1 Discretionary increases to main benefits

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Provision in Schedule 4 of Social Security Act 2018 amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Part 1 (Jobseeker support)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	180.91	200.91
Clause 1(b)	219.70	239.70
Clause 1(c)	268.16	288.16
Clause 1(d)	258.50	278.50
Clause 1(e)	386.78	406.78
Clause 1(f)	386.78	406.78
Clause 1(g)(i)	206.81	226.81
Clause 1(g)(ii)	220.65	240.65
Clause 1(h)(i)	206.81	226.81
Clause 1(h)(ii)	234.50	254.50
Clause 1(j)(i)	413.62	453.62
Clause 1(j)(ii)	441.30	481.30
Clause 2	206.81	226.81
Clause 3(i)	206.81	226.81
Clause 3(ii)	220.65	240.65
<i>Part 2 (Sole parent support)</i>		
Clause 1	386.78	406.78
<i>Part 3 (Supported living payment)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	261.15	281.15
Clause 1(b)	316.65	336.65
Clause 1(c)	435.58	455.58
Clause 1(d)(i)	255.27	275.27
Clause 1(d)(ii)	269.12	289.12
Clause 1(e)(i)	255.27	275.27
Clause 1(e)(ii)	282.96	302.96
Clause 1(g)(i)	510.54	550.54
Clause 1(g)(ii)	538.24	578.24
Clause 1(h)(i)	255.27	275.27
Clause 1(h)(ii)	282.96	302.96
Clause 2	442.27	462.27
	61.38	61.38
Clause 7(a)	255.27	275.27

Provision in Schedule 4 of Social Security Act 2018 amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
Clause 7(b)	282.96	302.96
<i>Part 6 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 1	219.70	239.70
Clause 2	208.60	228.60
Clause 3	386.78	406.78
Clause 4	206.81	226.81
Clause 5(a)	234.50	254.50
Clause 5(b)	220.65	240.65
<i>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 this Act for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	386.78	406.78
Clause 2	268.16	288.16
<i>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 this Act for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	386.78	406.78
Clause 2	268.16	288.16

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 1 July 2021, makes discretionary increases to the following main benefits:

- jobseeker support:
- sole parent support:
- a supported living payment:
- a youth payment:
- a young parent payment:
- a former widow's benefit:
- a former DPB for solo parents.

The increases, which take effect on 1 July 2021, are to the amounts of these benefits set out in Parts 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, and 11 of Schedule 4 of the Social Security Act 2018 (the Act).

The increases also affect the maximum rate at which the Ministry of Social Development may grant an emergency benefit (*see* section 63(4) of the Act).

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 2022, 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*: 27 May 2021.

This order is administered by the Ministry of Social Development.