

**Reprint
as at 1 April 2021**



**Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order
2020**

(LI 2020/13)

Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2020: revoked, on 1 April 2021, by clause 7(b) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2021 (LI 2021/15).

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 24th day of February 2020

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under sections 452, 452A, and 453 of the Social Security Act 2018 and sections 15 and 16 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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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.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2020.

2 Commencement

- (1) This order comes into force on 1 April 2020.
- (2) Subclause (1) applies with the following exceptions:
 - (a) clause 3 comes into force as stated in clause 3(2):
 - (b) clause 4 comes into force as stated in clause 4(2):
 - (c) clause 5 comes into force as stated in clause 5(2):
 - (d) clause 6 comes into force immediately after the commencement of clauses 3, 4, and 5.

Order: confirmed, on 12 December 2020, by section 11 of the Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2020 (2020 No 66).

Clause 2(2)(d): amended, on 27 March 2020, by clause 4 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

3 Mandatory adjustments under section 452A of Social Security Act 2018

- (1) In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 listed in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of this order, replace, in each place, 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.
- (2) By virtue of section 452A(5) of the Social Security Act 2018, this clause—
 - (a) comes into force on 1 April 2020; and
 - (b) applies to benefits (within the meaning of that Act) payable on and after that date.

4 Mandatory adjustments under section 453 of Social Security Act 2018

- (1) In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 listed in the first column of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of this order, replace, in each place, 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.
- (2) By virtue of section 453(5) of the Social Security Act 2018, this clause—
 - (a) comes into force on 1 April 2020; and
 - (b) applies to benefits (within the meaning of that Act) payable on and after that date.

5 Mandatory adjustments under sections 15 and 16 of New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001

- (1) In each provision of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Part 3 of Schedule 1 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.
- (2) By virtue of section 15(6) of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, this clause—
 - (a) comes into force on 1 April 2020; and
 - (b) applies to New Zealand superannuation payable on and after that date.

6 Discretionary increases under section 452 of Social Security Act 2018

- (1) In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 listed in the first column of Part 1 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.
- (2) In each provision of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Part 2 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.
- (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.

Clause 6(3): inserted, on 27 March 2020, by clause 5 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

Clause 6(4): inserted, on 27 March 2020, by clause 5 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

Schedule 1

Mandatory adjustments

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Part 1

Average weekly earnings wage adjustments to social security benefits and allowances

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 1 (Jobseeker support)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	145.98	150.48
Clause 1(b)	182.47	188.10
Clause 1(c)	228.07	235.11
Clause 1(d)	218.98	225.74
Clause 1(e)	339.69	350.17
Clause 1(f)	339.69	350.17
Clause 1(g)(i)	182.47	188.10
Clause 1(g)(ii)	195.50	201.53
Clause 1(h)(i)	182.47	188.10
Clause 1(h)(ii)	208.53	214.96
Clause 1(i)(i)	182.47	188.10
Clause 1(i)(ii)	208.53	214.96
Clause 1(j)(i)	364.94	376.20
Clause 1(j)(ii)	391.00	403.06
Clause 2	182.47	188.10
Clause 3(i)	182.47	188.10
Clause 3(ii)	195.50	201.53
<i>Schedule 4, Part 2 (Sole parent support)</i>		
Clause 1	339.69	350.17
<i>Schedule 4, Part 3 (Supported living payment)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	221.48	228.31
Clause 1(b)	273.70	282.14
Clause 1(c)	385.60	397.50
Clause 1(d)(i)	228.07	235.11
Clause 1(d)(ii)	241.10	248.54
Clause 1(e)(i)	228.07	235.11
Clause 1(e)(ii)	254.12	261.96
Clause 1(f)(i)	228.07	235.11
Clause 1(f)(ii)	254.12	261.96
Clause 1(g)(i)	456.14	470.22
Clause 1(g)(ii)	482.20	497.08
Clause 1(h)(i)	228.07	235.11
Clause 1(h)(ii)	254.12	261.96
Clause 2	358.07	380.11
	45.63	47.03

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
Clause 7(a)	228.07	235.11
Clause 7(b)	254.12	261.96
<i>Schedule 4, Part 6 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 1	182.47	188.10
Clause 2	172.03	177.34
Clause 3	339.69	350.17
Clause 4	182.47	188.10
Clause 5(a)	208.53	214.96
Clause 5(b)	195.50	201.53
<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	339.69	350.17
Clause 2	228.07	235.11
<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	339.69	350.17
Clause 2	228.07	235.11

Schedule 1 Part 1: amended, on 27 March 2020, by clause 6 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

Part 2

CPI adjustments to social security benefits and allowances

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 4 (Orphan's benefit)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	233.71	237.59
Clause 1(b)	215.53	219.11
Clause 1(c)	197.27	200.55
Clause 1(d)	172.84	175.71
<i>Schedule 4, Part 5 (Unsupported child's benefit)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	233.71	237.59
Clause 1(b)	215.53	219.11
Clause 1(c)	197.27	200.55
Clause 1(d)	172.84	175.71
<i>Schedule 4, Part 12 (Rates of benefits payable to long-term hospital patients)</i>		
Clause 1	45.28	46.03

Part 3

Adjustments to superannuation entitlements

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 1 (New Zealand superannuation entitlements)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	475.42	483.66

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
Clause 1(b)	437.14	444.69
Clause 1(c)	360.42	366.73
Clause 2(b)	682.86	694.96

Schedule 2 Discretionary increases

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Part 1 Increases to social security income limits, allowances, and asset limits

Schedule 2 Part 1 heading: amended, on 27 March 2020, by clause 7(1) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 6 (Youth payment and young parent payment income limits)</i>		
Clause 11	220.90	224.58
	270.90	274.58
Clause 12	220.90	224.58
	320.90	324.58
<i>Schedule 4, Part 9 (Child disability allowance and disability allowance)</i>		
Clause 1	48.45	49.26
Clause 2	64.29	65.36
Clause 3	40.10	40.77
<i>Schedule 5, Part 1 (Asset limits)</i>		
Clause 1	1,095.16	1,113.36
Clause 2	1,824.83	1,855.15
Clause 3	1,437.99	1,461.89
Clause 4	1,544.68	1,570.35
<i>Schedule 5, Part 2 (Income limits)</i>		
Clause 5	500.23	508.54
Clause 6	574.91	584.46
Clause 7	835.04	848.92
Clause 8	697.63	709.22
Clause 9	734.99	747.20
<i>Schedule 5, Part 3 (Disability allowance income limits)</i>		
Clause 10	540.59	549.57
Clause 11	661.30	676.61
Clause 12	983.12	1,006.82
Clause 13	753.94	766.47
Clause 14	794.34	807.54

Schedule 2 Part 1: amended, on 27 March 2020, by clause 7(2) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

Schedule 2 Part 1: amended, on 27 March 2020, by clause 7(3) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

Part 2 Increases to superannuation entitlements

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 1 (New Zealand superannuation entitlements)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	483.66	490.73
Clause 1(b)	444.69	451.29
Clause 1(c)	366.73	372.27
Clause 2(a)	720.84	744.54
Clause 2(b)	694.96	705.26
Clause 3	45.28	46.03
Clause 4	40.10	40.77

Part 3 COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to social security benefits

Schedule 2 Part 3: inserted, on 27 March 2020, by clause 7(4) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

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

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
Clause 1(b)	282.14	307.14
Clause 1(c)	397.50	422.50
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

Schedule 2 Part 4: inserted, on 27 March 2020, by clause 7(4) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020 (LI 2020/49).

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

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**Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances)
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Schedule 2

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Reprints notes

1 *General*

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

2 *Legal status*

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3 *Editorial and format changes*

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4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2021 (LI 2021/15): clause 7(b)

Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2020 (2020 No 66): section 11

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