Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Amendment 2020

This instrument is made under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018 by the Minister for Social Development.

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Instrument

1 Title

(1) This instrument is the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Amendment 2020.

2 Commencement

(1) This instrument comes into force on the day after the date on which it is made.

3 Principal programme

(1) This instrument amends the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme¹ (as established and approved on 24 February 2020) (the principal programme).

Name of principal programme amended

(1) In title, replace "Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme" with "Income Support Package and COVID-19 Recovery Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme.

5 Clause 3 amended (Purpose)

(1) In clause 3(1), after "Income Support Package" insert "and COVID-19 Recovery Package.".

6 Clause 4 amended (Interpretation)

(1) In clause 4(1), definition of **change of circumstances**, replace "change of circumstances" with "change in circumstances".

¹ New Zealand Gazette, 2 March 2020, notice 2020-go948.

- In clause 4(1), in the appropriate alphabetical order, insert new definition: (2)
 - COVID-19 Recovery Package means the amendments to rates of benefits made on 1 April 2020 by the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020.
- In clause 4(1), definition of **net income**, replace "clause" with "regulation". (3)
- In clause 4(1), move the definitions of childcare assistance and (4) Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme to their appropriate alphabetical order.
- In clause 4(1), definition of specified amendment, paragraph (a), after (5) "2019:" delete the word "and".
- In clause 4(1), definition of specified amendment, paragraph (b), replace "Act." with "Act: and".
- In clause 4(1), definition of specified amendment, after paragraph (b) (7) insert:
 - (c) the COVID-19 Recovery Package.
- In clause 4(1), definition of specified enactment, paragraph (c), after "1991:" insert "and".
- In clause 4(1), definition of specified payment, paragraph (b), after "Act:"
- (10) In clause 4(1), definition of temporary additional support, replace "Subpart 15" with "Subpart 16".
- (11) In clause 4(1), definition of transitional assistance, replace "clauses 6 and 7" with "clauses 6, 7 and 8".
- 7 Clause 6 amended (Transitional assistance for recipients of temporary additional support)
- In clause 6(2), paragraph (a), after "change in" delete "the". (1)
- 8 Clause 7 amended (Transitional assistance for recipients of childcare assistance)
- In clause 7(2), paragraph (a), after "change in" delete "the". (1)
- 9 Clause 8 amended (Transitional assistance for recipients of special assistance under Christchurch Mosques Attack Welfare Programme)
- In clause 8, renumber paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).
- In clause 8(3), paragraph (a), after "change in" delete "the".

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of March

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Minister for Social Development

Explanatory note

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

This instrument, which comes into force on 1 April 2020, amends the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Programme. It extends the grant of temporary financial assistance to people who experience an overall reduction in assistance as a result of the increase to main benefits on 1 April 2020 made by the COVID-19 Recovery Package. The instrument also corrects minor technical and formatting errors in the principal programme.