



Health Entitlement Cards Amendment Regulations 2019

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 25th day of February 2019

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 92 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and section 437 of the Social Security Act 2018 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Health Entitlement Cards Amendment Regulations 2019.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 April 2019.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Health Entitlement Cards Regulations 1993 (the **principal regulations**).

4 Regulation 8 amended (Eligibility for community services cards)

- (1) In regulation 8(1)(a)(viii), delete “payable under section 61EA of the Social Security Act 1964”.
- (2) In regulation 8(5)(a), replace “\$26,688” with “\$27,139”.
- (3) In regulation 8(5)(b), replace “\$28,322” with “\$28,801”.
- (4) In regulation 8(5)(c), replace “\$42,352” with “\$43,068”.
- (5) In regulation 8(5A)(a), replace “\$27,571” with “\$28,174”.
- (6) In regulation 8(5A)(b), replace “\$29,299” with “\$29,943”.
- (7) In regulation 8(5A)(c), replace “\$43,872” with “\$44,877”.
- (8) In regulation 8(6)(a), replace “\$51,730” with “\$52,605”.
- (9) In regulation 8(6)(b), replace “\$63,675” with “\$64,752”.
- (10) In regulation 8(6)(c), replace “\$73,461” with “\$74,703”.
- (11) In regulation 8(6)(d), replace “\$83,074” with “\$84,478”.
- (12) In regulation 8(6)(e), replace “\$93,653 for the first 6 people, plus a further \$9,490” with “\$95,236 for the first 6 people, plus a further \$9,651”.

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, which come into force on 1 April 2019, amend regulation 8 of the Health Entitlement Cards Regulations 1993 to—

- reflect the commencement of the Social Security Act 2018; and
- increase the income entitlement thresholds that are used to determine a person’s eligibility for a community services card.

The new entitlement thresholds reflect an increase of 1.69% in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2017 quarter to the December 2018 quarter (calculated for all quarters using the New Zealand Consumers Price Index (All Groups), excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products).

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