

# SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clause 1* relates to the Short Title.

### PART I

#### MONETARY BENEFITS

*Clause 2* amends the definition of “child” in section 3 of the principal Act to make it clear that the benefit on death payable under section 61D of the Act, may be paid in respect of a dependent child who is over 16 until the end of the pay period that occurs nearest to the 31st day of December in the year in which the child attains 18 years of age.

In addition, the definition of the term “income” is amended to delete the reference to supplementary assistance which is superseded by the additional benefit (see *clause 10*).

*Clause 3* amends section 21 of the principal Act to enable a widow with a dependent child, whose husband died while she was living overseas, to qualify for a widow’s benefit on her return to New Zealand provided she is ordinarily resident in New Zealand when she applies and had resided in New Zealand for at least 10 years at any time prior to the death of her husband.

*Clause 4* amends section 27A of the principal Act to enable a solo parent with a dependent child, who loses the support of her husband or the father of her child, while she was living overseas, to qualify for a domestic purposes benefit on her return to New Zealand provided she is ordinarily resident in New Zealand when she applies and had resided in New Zealand for at least 10 years at any time prior to losing the support of her husband or the father of her child.

*Clause 5* amends section 27F of the principal Act to provide for a copy of any maintenance proceedings instituted while maintenance is being paid to the Consolidated Revenue Account, to be served on local offices of the Department of Social Welfare. As presently worded section 27F provides for a copy of such proceedings to be served on the Social Security Commission.

In addition, provision is made for any member of the Commission or officer of the Department to be entitled to appear and be heard in any such proceedings.

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*Clause 6* amends section 28 of the principal Act to enable an orphan's benefit to be granted in respect of a child whose parent responsible for his care and control has been a patient in a psychiatric hospital for 6 months and whose other parent is dead or cannot be found.

*Clause 7* repeals subsection (3) of section 54 of the principal Act, which provides that a sickness benefit cannot be granted to a married woman unless the Social Security Commission is satisfied that her husband is unable to maintain her.

*Clause 8* inserts a new section 54A in the principal Act to provide for a sickness benefit to be paid at half the basic rate for a married couple, to a married person who temporarily ceases work because of sickness. The applicant and the spouse of the applicant must have been in full-time employment for 12 months before the date on which the applicant became incapacitated for work. The benefit will be paid regardless of the income of the applicant's spouse and will continue for a maximum period of 13 weeks.

*Clause 9* repeals subsection (2) of section 58 of the principal Act, which provides that an unemployment benefit cannot be granted to a married woman unless the Social Security Commission is satisfied that her husband is unable to maintain her.

*Clause 10, subclause (1)* inserts new sections 61E to 61G in the principal Act to provide for additional benefits to be paid to income-tested social security beneficiaries and war pensioners with limited income and assets. The additional benefit replaces the former supplementary assistance scheme.

New section 61E sets out the categories of beneficiaries and pensioners who may receive the additional benefit.

New section 61F provides for the rates of additional benefit to be as prescribed in the Eighteenth Schedule to the principal Act.

New section 61G provides the Social Security Commission with discretionary authority to fix a special entitlement to the additional benefit notwithstanding the provisions of sections 61E and 61F. This provision will enable the Commission to consider cases of financial hardship falling outside the provisions of sections 61E and 61F.

*Subclause (2)* inserts a new Eighteenth Schedule to the principal Act setting out the rates of additional benefit.

*Subclause (3)* provides for the clause to be deemed to have come into force on 2 July 1975.

*Clause 11, subclause (1)* inserts a new section 69B in the principal Act to provide for income-tested social security beneficiaries and war pensioners to qualify for a 50 percent concession on their television licence fee.

Subsection (1) sets out the categories of beneficiaries and pensioners who may qualify for the concession.

Subsection (2) provides that the amount of the concession for those required to meet the cost of a television licence fee, be equal to half the cost of such fee.

Subsection (3) provides for those beneficiaries and pensioners who hire a television set to receive an annual payment equal to half the cost of the television licence fee they would be required to pay if they owned the set.

Subsection (4) limits beneficiaries and pensioners who have more than one television set, to one television licence fee concession. It also provides for the concession not to be granted in respect of a hired television set unless the applicant has hired the set, or intends to hire it, for a period of at least 12 months.

Subsection (5) provides that the concession is not to be granted for any licensing year which expired before the date of application.

*Subclause (2)* provides for the clause to be deemed to have come into force in respect of each person entitled to the concession on the commencement of the first licensing year after 31 December 1974.

*Clause 12, subclause (1)* inserts a new section 69c in the principal Act to provide for disabled persons in receipt of an income-tested benefit or pension, or qualified on income grounds to receive such a benefit, to be granted a disability allowance of up to \$8 a week. Provision is also made to pay the allowance in respect of the disabled wife or child of the beneficiary, pensioner, or person qualified on income grounds for an income-tested benefit.

Subsection (1) sets out the categories of beneficiaries, pensioners, and non-beneficiaries who may qualify for the disability allowance.

Subsection (2) provides that the disability allowance shall not be granted unless the Social Security Commission is satisfied that payment is warranted having regard to the nature and extent of the applicant's disability and any additional expenses arising from such disability.

Subsection (3) gives the Social Security Commission authority to arrange for an applicant for a disability allowance to be examined by a medical practitioner nominated by the Commission.

Subsection (4) provides the Social Security Commission with discretionary authority to refuse to grant, terminate, or reduce a disability allowance if the applicant is receiving accident compensation, or a war disablement pension, or equivalent overseas pension or allowance, in respect of the same disability which gives rise to the application for a disability allowance.

*Subclause (2)* adds a new Nineteenth Schedule to the principal Act setting out the rate of the disability allowance.

*Clause 13* repeals section 70 of the principal Act, and substitutes a new section to clarify the effect of overseas pensions on New Zealand social security benefit entitlement.

*Clause 14* amends section 82 of the principal Act to provide for the additional benefit (see *clause 10*) and the disability allowance (see *clause 12*) to be paid by such instalments as the Social Security Commission determines. This will enable the Commission to pay the additional benefit and the disability allowance in continuing instalments or in lump sums.

*Clause 15* amends section 85 of the principal Act to exclude the additional benefit (see *clause 10*) from the provisions relating to a lump-sum payment of benefit after the death of a beneficiary.

*Clause 16* increases the rates of social security benefits on and after 15 January 1975.

The rates of superannuation, age, widows', invalids', miners', sickness, unemployment, domestic purposes, and related emergency benefits, are increased by \$1.90 a week in respect of unmarried persons and \$1.60 a week in respect of married persons.

For any person receiving an age, widow's, invalid's, sickness, unemployment, domestic purposes, or related emergency benefit, the additional amount payable for the first dependent child is increased by \$1.30 a week.

The rate of orphans' benefits is increased by 95 cents a week.

*Clause 17* increases the rates of social security benefits and the rehabilitation allowance on and after 2 July 1975.

The rates of superannuation, age, widows', invalids', miners', sickness, unemployment, domestic purposes, and related emergency benefits, are increased by \$2 a week in respect of unmarried persons and \$1.68 a week in respect of married persons.

For any person receiving an age, widow's, invalid's, sickness, unemployment, domestic purposes, or related emergency benefit, the additional amount payable for the first dependent child is increased by \$1.36 a week.

The rate of orphans' benefits is increased by \$1 a week.

The rate of the rehabilitation allowance is increased by \$4 a week for persons under 20 years of age and by \$2 a week for persons whose age is 20 years or more. This brings the rate of the allowance to \$10 a week irrespective of the age of the recipient.

*Clause 18* validates the special additional payments made to income-tested beneficiaries in December 1974.

## PART II

### MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS AND OTHER RELATED BENEFITS

*Clause 19* provides for this Part of the Bill to apply in respect of medical services provided on and after 1 December 1974.

*Clause 20* amends section 93 of the principal Act by repealing subsection (1A), which relates to the higher general medical services benefit, and substituting a new subsection.

The new subsection extends entitlement to the higher benefit to—

- (a) All children in respect of whom a family benefit is payable (at present only children under 10 years of age qualify):
- (b) Persons suffering from a condition which necessitates frequent medical attention over a prolonged period.

NOTE—The categories of persons set out in paragraphs (a), (e), and (f) of the new subsection (1A) are at present entitled to the higher benefit under the Social Security (Higher General Medical Services Benefit) Notice 1971.

The new subsection also increases the higher benefit from \$2 to—

- (a) \$3, where the medical services are provided at the medical practitioner's surgery or residence:
- (b) \$4, where the services are provided elsewhere.

*Clause 21* repeals section 93A of the principal Act, and substitutes a new section.

The new section increases the additional fee of 75 cents payable for general medical services provided on weekends, public holidays, and at night as follows:

- (a) \$3 in the case of persons entitled to the higher benefit:
- (b) \$1.75 in the case of persons not entitled to the higher benefit if the services are provided at the medical practitioner's surgery or residence, and \$2.75 if they are provided elsewhere.

*Clause 22* increases the specialist medical services benefit payable in respect of persons entitled to a higher general medical services benefit from \$2 to \$3.

### PART III

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Clause 23* amends section 124 of the principal Act to delete the provision whereby money was appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of granting supplementary assistance. The supplementary assistance scheme is superseded by the additional benefit (see *clause 10*).

*Clause 24* repeals section 124A of the principal Act which enabled refundable payments of supplementary assistance to be a charge and be registered against the beneficiary's land under the Statutory Land Charges Registration Act 1928. The supplementary assistance scheme is superseded by the additional benefit.

*Clause 25* amends section 125 of the principal Act which provides for advances to be made to social security beneficiaries and war pensioners for the purpose of carrying out essential repairs to and maintenance of their home or of providing essential services to their home.

The amendments increase the maximum advance from \$800 to \$1,000 and make provision for a separate advance of up to \$500 to be made to persons, not necessarily beneficiaries or pensioners, who are required to convert or replace domestic heating equipment under the Clean Air Act 1972.

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*Hon. Mr King*

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## A BILL INTITULED

## An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

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**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act 1975, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

## PART I

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## MONETARY BENEFITS

**2. Interpretation**—(1) Section 3 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the definition of the term “child” the following proviso:

“Provided that a child over 16 years of age may be regarded as a child for the purposes of section 61b of this Act until the end of the last day of the pay period that occurs nearest to the 31st day of December in the year in which the child attains the age of 18 years:”.

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(2) The said section 3 (1) is hereby further amended by omitting from paragraph (b) of the definition of the term “income” the words “supplementary assistance granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Account from money appropriated by Parliament under paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 124 of this Act”, and substituting the words “rehabilitation allowance or services granted or provided under section 124 (1) (dd) of this Act”.

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**3. Widows’ benefits**—(1) Section 21 (3) (b) (iii) of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the word “; or”.

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(2) Section 21 (3) (b) of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subparagraph:

“(iv) The mother, being ordinarily resident in New Zealand on the date of her application for a widow’s benefit under this section, has resided in New Zealand for not less than 10 years at any time before the death of her husband.”

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\*1964, No. 136

Amendments: 1966, No. 85; 1967, No. 4; 1968, No. 44; 1969, No. 46; 1970, No. 9; 1970, No. 149; 1971, No. 8; 1971, No. 128; 1972, No. 133; 1973, No. 34; 1974, No. 46

**4. Domestic purposes benefits**—(1) Section 27A (1) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 6 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1973) is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) (iii) of the definition of the term “children” the word “; or”.

(2) Section 27A (1) of the principal Act (as so inserted) is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph (b) of the definition of the term “children” the following subparagraph:

“(iv) One of his parents, being that parent who has made an application for a domestic purposes benefit under section 27B of this Act, is ordinarily resident in New Zealand on the date of application for such benefit and has resided in New Zealand for not less than 10 years at any time before the qualifying date.”

**5. Special provisions as to maintenance**—Section 27F of the principal Act (as so inserted) is hereby amended by repealing subsection (8), and substituting the following subsection:

“(8) While any money payable under a maintenance order is payable into the Consolidated Revenue Account, the Commission shall be served with all proceedings instituted under the Domestic Proceedings Act 1968 or the Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1963 in relation to that order by the delivery of a true copy of all documents filed in the proceedings to the Director or District Agent, as the case may be, of the Social Welfare District in which the proceedings are instituted. Any member of the Commission or officer of the Department shall, without special appointment, be entitled to appear and be heard in any such proceedings.”

**6. Orphans’ benefits**—(1) Section 28 (1) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 8 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) the word “; or”.

(2) The said section 28 (1) (as so substituted) is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

“(c) Whose parent formerly responsible for his care and control is an inpatient of a psychiatric hospital within the meaning of section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1969 and has been such an inpatient continuously for a period of at least 6 months, and whose other parent is dead or cannot in the Commission’s opinion be found—”.



(3) Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) In determining for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section whether any person is or has been continuously in a psychiatric hospital, the Commission may in its discretion disregard any period or part of any period during which that person is or has been on leave or absent from the hospital.” 5

**7. Sickness benefits**—Section 54 (3) of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 10

**8. Sickness benefit for a married person**—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 54, the following section:

“54A. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, the Commission may grant a benefit in accordance with section 54 of this Act for a period not exceeding 13 weeks, without regard to the income of the spouse of the applicant, to any married applicant if the applicant and the spouse of the applicant have been in full-time employment for a period of not less than 12 months immediately preceding the date on which the applicant became incapacitated for work. 15 20

“(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section a woman shall not be entitled to receive a benefit by reason of being pregnant.

“(3) The rate of any benefit granted in accordance with this section shall not exceed the rate specified in clause 1 (e) of the Eighth Schedule to this Act. 25

“(4) For the purposes of this section ‘full-time employment’ means employment of not less than 20 hours a week.”

**9. Unemployment benefits**—Section 58 (2) of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 30

**10. New sections inserted**—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 61D (as inserted by section 7 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1974), the following heading and sections: 35

*“Additional Benefit*

“61E. **Additional benefit**—Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, an additional benefit may be granted, from such date (being not earlier than 6 months before the date of application) and for such period as the Commission determines, to any person who is in receipt of—

- 5 “(a) An age, widow’s, invalid’s, domestic purposes, or unemployment benefit, or a related emergency benefit payable under section 61 of this Act; or
- 10 “(b) A sickness benefit payable under section 54 of this Act (but not under section 54A of this Act), or a related emergency benefit payable under section 61 of this Act; or
- 15 “(c) A miner’s benefit or miner’s widow’s benefit, if the income of the beneficiary or the income of the beneficiary and the wife or husband of the beneficiary, as the case may be, is such that it would not prevent the payment of an invalid’s benefit under this Part of this Act; or
- 20 “(d) A war pension or allowance granted under the War Pensions Act 1954 which, in the opinion of the Commission, is analogous to any one of the benefits referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this subsection; or
- 25 “(e) A superannuation benefit, if that person was also in receipt of supplementary assistance pursuant to section 124 (1) (d) of this Act on the 1st day of July 1975.

30 “61F. **Rates of additional benefit**—The rate of additional benefit granted under section 61E of this Act shall, in each case, be paid at the appropriate rate specified in the Eighteenth Schedule to this Act.

35 “61G. **Commission may fix special entitlement**—Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 61E and 61F of this Act, the Commission may, in its discretion, fix a special entitlement to an additional benefit, or pay an additional benefit at a rate other than that specified in the Eighteenth Schedule to this Act, in respect of any person who satisfies the Commission that, after taking into account his financial circumstances and

40 commitments, such special entitlement or rate of additional benefit is justified.”

(2) The principal Act is hereby further amended by adding the Eighteenth Schedule set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

(3) This section and the First Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd day of July 1975. 5

**11. Television-licence-fee concessions—**(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 69A (as inserted by section 11 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1973), the following section: 10

“69B. (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (5) of this section, the Commission may in its discretion grant a concession (in this section referred to as a television-licence-fee concession) to or on account of any person who is in receipt of—

“(a) An age, invalid’s, widow’s, or related emergency benefit payable under section 61 of this Act; or 15

“(b) A miner’s benefit or a miner’s widow’s benefit, if the income of the beneficiary or the income of the beneficiary and the wife or husband of the beneficiary, as the case may be, is such that it would not prevent the payment of an invalid’s benefit under this Part of this Act; or 20

“(c) A domestic purposes benefit or emergency benefit payable under section 61 of this Act (other than an emergency benefit referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection), if the benefit is, in the opinion of the Commission, likely to continue for a period of more than 52 weeks; or 25

“(d) A war pension or allowance granted under the War Pensions Act 1954 which, in the opinion of the Commission, is analogous to any of the benefits referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph (c) of this subsection; or 30

“(e) A war veteran’s allowance gratuity granted under the War Pensions Act 1954, or a war service pension continued by instalments under section 66J or section 66K of that Act. 35

“(2) The amount of the television-licence-fee concession granted under this section to any person who is required to meet the cost of a television licence fee, shall be equal to one half of the amount of the licence fee from time to time prescribed in respect of that person’s television set. 40

“(3) The amount of the television-licence-fee concession granted under this section to any person who hires a television set and whose television licence fee is included in the hire charge, shall be equal to half the cost that would be payable for such a licence if the licence fee were not included in the hire charge, and shall be paid in the form of an annual payment.

“(4) A television-licence-fee concession shall not be granted to or on account of any person under this section in respect of—

“(a) More than 1 television set; or

“(b) A hired television set unless the Commission is satisfied that the person hiring it has entered into an arrangement to hire, or intends to hire, it for a period of at least 12 months.

“(5) A television-licence-fee concession shall not be granted under this section in respect of any licensing year applicable to the applicant's television licence which expired before the date of receipt of the application for the concession.”

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force, in respect of each person entitled to receive a television-licence-fee concession, on the commencement of the first licensing year under the Radio Regulations 1970, after the 31st day of December 1974, applicable to the person's television licence.

**12. Disability allowance—**(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 69B (as inserted by section 11 of this Act), the following section:

“69c. (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4) of this section, the Commission may, in its discretion, grant a disability allowance at a rate not exceeding the amount specified in the Nineteenth Schedule to this Act, to or on account of—

“(a) Any person who is in receipt of an age, invalid's, or widow's benefit, or a related emergency benefit payable under section 61 of this Act; or

“(b) Any person who is in receipt of a domestic purposes benefit or a related emergency benefit payable under section 61 of this Act, if the benefit is, in the opinion of the Commission, likely to continue for a period of more than 26 weeks; or

“(c) Any person who is in receipt of a sickness or unemployment benefit or a related emergency benefit under section 61 of this Act and who has been in receipt of such a benefit for a period of not less than 26 weeks; or

- “(d) Any person who is in receipt of a war pension or allowance granted under the War Pensions Act 1954 which, in the opinion of the Commission, is analogous to any one of the benefits referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection; or 5
- “(e) Any person whose income, including the income of her or his husband or wife, as the case may be, is such that it would not prevent the payment of any one of the benefits referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection; or 10
- “(f) The dependent wife or dependent child of any person referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e) of this subsection. 15
- “(2) A disability allowance shall not be payable to or on account of any such person unless the Commission is satisfied that payment of a disability allowance is warranted having regard to—
- “(a) The nature and extent of the disablement of that person; and
- “(b) Any additional expenses arising from the disablement of that person. 20
- “(3) Before a disability allowance is granted under this section, the Commission may require the applicant, or the wife or child of the applicant, as the case may require, to be examined by a medical practitioner nominated by the Commission for the purpose. 25
- “(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the Commission may in its discretion refuse to grant a disability allowance or may terminate a disability allowance already granted or may grant a disability allowance at a reduced rate, if the applicant is in receipt of a war disablement pension under the War Pensions Act 1954, or accident compensation under the Accident Compensation Act 1972, or an overseas pension or periodical allowance which the Commission deems to be analogous to such war disablement pension or accident compensation, in respect of a disability which gives rise to an application for a disability allowance under this section.” 30 35
- (2) The principal Act is hereby further amended by adding the Nineteenth Schedule set out in the Second Schedule to this Act. 40

**13. Rate of benefits if overseas pension payable—**(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 70 (as substituted by section 23 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972), and substituting the following section:

5 “70. (1) For the purposes of this Act, if—

“(a) Any person qualified to receive a benefit under this Part of this Act is entitled to receive or receives, in respect of himself or his dependants, or if any of his dependants is entitled to receive or receives, a benefit, pension, or periodical allowance granted elsewhere than in New Zealand; and

10 “(b) The benefit, pension, or periodical allowance, or any part of it, is in the nature of a payment which, in the opinion of the Commission, forms part of a programme providing benefits, pensions, or periodical allowances for any of the contingencies for which benefits, pensions, or allowances may be paid under this Part of this Act or under the War Pensions Act 1954 which is administered by or on behalf of the Government of the country from which the benefit, pension, or periodical allowance is received—

15 the rate of the benefit or benefits that would otherwise be payable under this Part of this Act shall be reduced by the amount of such overseas benefit, pension, or periodical allowance, or part thereof, as the case may be:

20 “Provided that if the Commission determines that the overseas benefit, pension, or periodical allowance, or any part of it, is in the nature of—

30 “(a) A superannuation allowance or superannuation annuity within the meaning of section 2 of the New Zealand Superannuation Act 1974; or

“(b) Compensation within the meaning of section 2 of the Accident Compensation Act 1972; or

35 “(c) A war pension or allowance granted under the War Pensions Act 1954 of a type which would not affect any recipient’s entitlement to a benefit in accordance with section 72 of this Act; or

40 “(d) A disability allowance granted under this Part of this Act—

such overseas benefit, pension, or periodical allowance, or part of it, as the case may be, shall be treated as if it were in fact such a superannuation allowance, superannuation annuity, compensation, war pension or allowance, or disability allowance.

45 allowance.

“(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall preclude the Commission from deciding the date on which its determination under paragraph (b) of, or the proviso to, the said subsection (1) shall take effect, which date may be a date before, on, or after the date of such determination.” 5

(2) Section 23 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972 is hereby consequentially repealed.

**14. Payment of benefits**—Section 82 (1) (b) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “family benefit,” the words “or an additional benefit granted under section 61E or section 61G of this Act, or a disability allowance granted under section 69c of this Act,”. 10

**15. Termination of benefit on death of beneficiary**—Section 85 (4) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 27 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “family benefit”, the words “or an additional benefit granted under section 61E or section 61G of this Act”. 15

**16. Increasing rates of benefit in respect of period 15 January 1975 to 1 July 1975**—(1) In respect of the period commencing on the 15th day of January 1975 and ending with the 1st day of July 1975, the principal Act shall have effect as if the First to Fourth, Sixth to Ninth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Schedules thereto (as substituted by section 10 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1974) had been amended in the manner indicated in the Third Schedule to this Act. 20 25

(2) This section and the Third Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of January 1975. 30

**17. Increasing rates of benefits and rehabilitation allowance on and after 2 July 1975**—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the First to Tenth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth to Seventeenth Schedules (as substituted by section 10 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1974), and substituting the First to Tenth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth to Seventeenth Schedules set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Act. 35

(2) This section and the Fourth Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd day of July 1975:

5 Provided that clause 1 (e) of the Eighth Schedule to the principal Act (as substituted by subsection (1) of this section) shall come into force on the passing of this Act.

10 **18. Authority to increase rates of benefits**—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the Commission may, in accordance with any general or special instructions given by the Minister, in respect of the period commencing on the 1st day of December 1974 and ending with the 31st day of December 1974, increase the rate of any benefit under the principal Act by an amount not exceeding the rate of that benefit payable in respect of any 1 week in that period.

15 (2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of December 1974.

## PART II

### MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS AND OTHER RELATED BENEFITS

20 **19. Application of this Part**—(1) This Part of this Act shall apply in respect of medical services provided by medical practitioners on and after the 1st day of December 1974.

25 (2) In respect of such medical services provided before that date, the principal Act shall have effect as if this Part of this Act had not been enacted.

30 **20. Fees for general medical services in respect of social security beneficiaries, etc.**—(1) Section 93 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1A) (as inserted by section 10 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969), and substituting the following subsection:

“(1A) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) of this section, if a medical practitioner provides any general medical services for a patient who—

35 “(a) Has attained the age of 65 years; or

“(b) Is a beneficiary within the meaning of Part I of this Act; or



- “(c) Is a person in receipt of an economic pension, a pension as the wife of a member of the forces, an allowance as a veteran or the wife, widow, or child of a veteran, a war service pension as a serviceman or the wife, widow, or child of a serviceman, or a war orphan’s pension, under the War Pensions Act 1954; or 5
- “(d) Is the wife of any such beneficiary or person; or
- “(e) Has satisfied the Social Security Commission that he—
- “(i) Is in receipt of a benefit, pension, or periodical allowance, granted elsewhere than in New Zealand, in respect of which a benefit under Part I of this Act has been or would be reduced, refused, or terminated under section 70 of this Act; and 10
- “(ii) Would not, by reason of his income, be wholly disqualified from receiving a benefit under Part I of this Act, if he were otherwise entitled thereto; or
- “(f) Is the wife of a person referred to in paragraph (e) of this subsection or a child for the time being under the care and control of any such person in respect of whom a family benefit would be paid under Part I of this Act if the Commission were satisfied that the child is likely to remain permanently in New Zealand; or 20 25
- “(g) Is a person who is shown to the satisfaction of the Director-General of Health, on the application of the medical practitioner attending that patient, supported by such particulars and information as the Director-General may require, to be suffering for the time being from a condition which necessitates frequent attention by the medical practitioner over a prolonged period, and in relation to whom it would, in the opinion of the Director-General, be unreasonable, because of that condition, to restrict the amount of the benefit payable to the amount prescribed in subsection (1) of this section; 30 35
- or
- “(h) Is a member of a class of persons to which the provisions of this subsection have been declared to apply by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*— 40
- the medical practitioner shall be entitled to receive from the Department, instead of the fee prescribed in subsection (1) of this section,—

- “(i) For every occasion on which any such services are provided at the medical practitioner’s surgery or place of residence, a reasonable fee not exceeding \$3:
- 5   “(j) For every other occasion on which any such services are provided, a reasonable fee not exceeding \$4, together with such mileage fees, if any, as the medical practitioner would be entitled to receive if subsection (1) of this section applied.”
- 10   (2) The following enactments are hereby consequentially repealed:
- (a) Section 10 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969:
- (b) Section 4 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1971:
- 15   (c) Section 32 (2) and (3) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972.
- (3) The Social Security (Higher General Medical Services Benefit) Notice 1971 is hereby revoked.

**21. Additional fees for general medical services on public holidays and at night—**(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 93A (as inserted by section 11 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969), and substituting the following section:

25   “93A. (1) Notwithstanding anything in section 93 of this Act, but subject to the other provisions of this Part of this Act, in respect of every occasion on which a medical practitioner provides any general medical services for any patient—

    “(a) On a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday, in response to an urgent request received by him on the same day; or

30   “(b) Between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m., in response to an urgent request received by him between those hours—

    there shall be payable by the Department to the medical practitioner, in addition to any fee payable under the said section 35 93, a reasonable fee not exceeding—

    “(c) Three dollars in the case of services provided for a person to whom section 93 (1A) of this Act applies:

40   “(d) One dollar and seventy-five cents in any other case if the services are provided at the medical practitioner’s surgery or place of residence, or \$2.75 if they are provided elsewhere.

“(2) In this section, the term ‘public holiday’ means Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day, the 2nd day of January, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign’s Birthday, Labour Day, New Zealand Day, and the holiday observed in the locality concerned as Anniversary Day; and includes, when any of those holidays (other than Anzac Day or New Zealand Day) that can fall on a Saturday or Sunday so falls, the day that is observed in the locality concerned as a substituted public holiday; and also includes, when Boxing Day falls on a Monday, the day following Boxing Day and the 3rd day of January.”

(2) The following enactments are hereby consequentially repealed:

- (a) Section 11 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969:
- (b) Section 33 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972.

**22. Specialist medical services**—Section 97 (5) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 14 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969 and amended by section 34 (c) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) is hereby further amended by omitting the expression “\$2”, and substituting the expression “\$3”.

### PART III

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**23. Money payable out of Consolidated Revenue Account**—Section 124 (1) (d) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “granting supplementary assistance under”.

**24. Payment of supplementary assistance may be deemed to be an advance**—(1) Section 124A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 5 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1967) is hereby repealed.

(2) The following enactments are hereby consequentially repealed:

- (a) Section 5 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1967:
- (b) Section 39 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the said section 124A shall continue to apply in respect of payments which the Commission has, before the 2nd day of July 1975, deemed to be an advance and

in respect of which a charge has been registered against the beneficiary's estate or interest in land under the Statutory Land Charges Registration Act 1928.

5 (4) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd day of July 1975.

**25. Advances to beneficiaries and war pensioners for repair or maintenance of home, etc.—**(1) Section 125 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsections (1) and (2), and substituting the following subsections:

10 “(1) For the purposes of this section, ‘beneficiary’ means any person who is in receipt of a benefit under Part I of this Act or of a pension or allowance under the War Pensions Act 1954 or the wife or husband of any such person; and, for the purposes of subsection (2) (b) of this section, includes any  
15 person whether or not he is in receipt of such a benefit, pension, or allowance.

“(2) Where a beneficiary occupies premises as a home on land in respect of which the beneficiary holds an estate or interest which is registered or capable of being registered  
20 under the Land Transfer Act 1952, the Commission may, in its discretion and subject to such terms and conditions as it may determine, make advances to the beneficiary not exceeding—

25 “(a) The sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of carrying out essential repairs to and maintenance of the premises or of providing essential services to the premises:

“(b) The sum of \$500 for the purpose of complying with a requirement under the Clean Air Act 1972 to convert or replace domestic heating equipment.”

30 (2) Section 125 (5) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting the words “or, as the case may be, of the leasehold interest in the land”:

35 (b) By omitting the words “or, as the case may be, that leasehold interest”.

(3) Section 40 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972 is hereby consequentially repealed.

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## SCHEDULES

Section 10 (2)

## FIRST SCHEDULE

## NEW EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL ACT

Sections 61E and 61F "EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE"

## RATES OF ADDITIONAL BENEFIT

1. To any unmarried person without a dependent child or children \$6 a week, diminished by 50 cents a week in respect of each \$1 a week, or part thereof, of the applicant's income in excess of \$1 a week, and further diminished by 50 cents a week in respect of each \$100, or part thereof, of the applicant's cash assets in excess of \$100:

Provided that the rate of additional benefit shall be increased by half the amount by which the applicant's weekly rent, or weekly outgoings on any property occupied by him as a home, exceeds \$6 a week, or by half the amount by which his board payments exceed \$15 a week, but not in any case by more than \$6 a week:

Provided also that the rate of additional benefit may, in the discretion of the Commission, be further increased by up to \$2 a week if the applicant has essential and regular commitments of an exceptional nature which, in the opinion of the Commission, could not reasonably be expected to be met otherwise than by an additional benefit granted under this proviso.

2. To any married couple or solo parent with a dependent child or children \$10 a week, diminished by \$1 a week in respect of each \$2 a week, or part thereof, of the married couple's or solo parent's income in excess of \$2 a week, and further diminished by \$1 a week in respect of each \$200, or part thereof, of the married couple's or solo parent's cash assets in excess of \$200:

Provided that the rate of the additional benefit shall be increased by half the amount by which the couple's or solo parent's weekly rent, or weekly outgoings on any property occupied by the applicant as a home, exceed \$6 a week, or by half the amount by which the couple's or solo parent's board payments exceed \$25 a week, but not in any case by more than \$6 a week:

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

“EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Provided also that the rate of additional benefit may, in the discretion of the Commission, be further increased by up to \$2 a week if the couple or solo parent has essential and regular commitments of an exceptional nature which, in the opinion of the Commission, could not reasonably be expected to be met otherwise than by an additional benefit granted under this proviso.”

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 12 (2)

NEW NINETEENTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL ACT

“NINETEENTH SCHEDULE

Section 69c

MAXIMUM RATE OF DISABILITY ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO  
A DISABLED PERSON

Maximum rate ..... \$8 a week.”

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 16

AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN  
RESPECT OF PERIOD 15 JANUARY 1975 TO 1 JULY 1975

Schedule Amended	Amendment
First Schedule .....	By omitting from clause 1 the expression “\$1,396.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,495”. By omitting from clause 2 the expression “\$1,162.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,245.40”.
Second Schedule .....	By omitting from clause 1 (a) the expression “\$1,396.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,495”. By omitting from clause 1 (b) the expression “\$1,162.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,245.40”. By omitting from clause 1 (c) the expression “\$1,162.20” in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression “\$1,245.40”. By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression “\$1,162.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,245.40”.

THIRD SCHEDULE—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF PERIOD 15 JANUARY 1975 TO 1 JULY 1975—*continued*

Schedule Amended	Amendment
Second Schedule— <i>continued</i>	<p>By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression "\$2,046.20", and substituting the expression "\$2,129.40".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression "\$2,462.20" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "\$2,545.40".</p> <p>By omitting from the proviso to clause 1 (d) the expression "\$1,162.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,245.40".</p>
Third Schedule ..... ..	<p>By omitting from clause 1 the expression "\$1,396.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,495".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 2 the expression "\$1,396.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,495".</p>
Fourth Schedule ..... ..	<p>By omitting the expression "\$702", and substituting the expression "\$751.40".</p>
Sixth Schedule ..... ..	<p>By omitting from clause 1 (a) the expression "\$1,066", and substituting the expression "\$1,144".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (b) the expression "\$1,396.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,495".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (c) the expression "\$1,162.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,245.40".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression "\$1,162.20" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "\$1,245.40".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (e) the expression "\$1,162.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,245.40".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (e) the expression "\$2,046.20", and substituting the expression "\$2,129.40".</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (e) the expression "\$2,462.20" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "\$2,545.40".</p> <p>By omitting from the proviso to clause 1 (e) the expression "\$1,162.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,245.40".</p>

THIRD SCHEDULE—*continued*

AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF PERIOD 15 JANUARY 1975 TO 1 JULY 1975—*continued*

Schedule Amended	Amendment
Sixth Schedule— <i>continued</i>	By omitting from clause 2 the expression "\$2,358.20", and substituting the expression "\$2,441.40".
	By omitting from clause 2 the expression "\$234", and substituting the expression "\$249.60".
Seventh Schedule .....	By omitting from clause 1 (a) the expression "\$1,162.20" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "\$1,245.40".
	By omitting from clause 1 (b) the expression "\$1,396.20", and substituting the expression "\$1,495".
	By omitting from clause 2 the expression "\$1,313", and substituting the expression "\$1,411.80".
Eighth Schedule .....	By omitting from clause 1 (a) the expression "\$20.50", and substituting the expression "\$22".
	By omitting from clause 1 (b) the expression "\$26.85", and substituting the expression "\$28.75".
	By omitting from clause 1 (c) the expression "\$22.35" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "\$23.95".
	By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression "\$22.35", and substituting the expression "\$23.95".
	By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression "\$39.35", and substituting the expression "\$40.95".
	By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression "\$47.35" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "\$48.95".
	By omitting from the proviso to clause 1 (d) the expression "\$22.35", and substituting the expression "\$23.95".
	By omitting from clause 2 the expression "\$17.85", and substituting the expression "\$19.15".
Ninth Schedule .....	By omitting from clause 1 (a) the expression "\$20.50", and substituting the expression "\$22".
	By omitting from clause 1 (b) the expression "\$26.85", and substituting the expression "\$28.75".



THIRD SCHEDULE—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN  
RESPECT OF PERIOD 15 JANUARY 1975 TO 1 JULY 1975—*continued*

Ninth Schedule— <i>continued</i>	<p>By omitting from clause 1 (c) the expression “\$22.35” in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression “\$23.95”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 1 (d) the expression “\$22.35”, and substituting the expression “\$23.95”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 2 the expression “\$17.85”, and substituting the expression “\$19.15”.</p>
Fourteenth Schedule .....	<p>By omitting from clause 1 (a) (i) the expression “\$772.20”, and substituting the expression “\$839.80”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 2 (a) (i) the expression “\$14.85”, and substituting the expression “\$16.15”.</p>
Sixteenth Schedule .....	<p>By omitting from clause 1 the expression “\$1,066”, and substituting the expression “\$1,144”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 2 the expression “\$1,396.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,495”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 3 the expression “\$1,396.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,495”.</p>
Seventeenth Schedule .....	<p>By omitting from clause 1 the expression “\$1,066”, and substituting the expression “\$1,144”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 2 the expression “\$1,396.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,495”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 3 the expression “\$1,162.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,245.40”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 4 the expression “\$1,162.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,245.40”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 4 the expression “\$2,046.20”, and substituting the expression “\$2,129.40”.</p> <p>By omitting from clause 4 the expression “\$2,462.20” in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression “\$2,545.40”.</p> <p>By omitting from the proviso to clause 4 the expression “\$1,162.20”, and substituting the expression “\$1,245.40”.</p>

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Section 17

NEW FIRST TO TENTH, TWELFTH, AND FOURTEENTH TO SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULES TO PRINCIPAL ACT

(Effective on and after 2 July 1975)

“FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 15

RATES OF SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS

1. To any unmarried beneficiary \$1,599 a year.
2. To any married beneficiary \$1,332.76 a year.

“SECOND SCHEDULE

Sections 18, 20

RATES OF AGE BENEFITS

1. (a) To any unmarried beneficiary \$1,599 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of his or her total annual income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (b) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than a superannuation benefit) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,332.76 a year, diminished by 50c for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted, in her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,332.76 a year, increased by \$1,332.76 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (d) To any other married beneficiary \$1,332.76 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the amount of any superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act granted to the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$2,216.76 a year but not in excess of \$2,632.76 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income, including superannuation benefit, in excess of \$2,632.76 a year:

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of the age benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of age benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive an age benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$1,332.76 a year:

Provided that, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that, in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of any totally blind person, the Commission shall take no account of the personal earnings of that person:

Provided further that, in any case where a beneficiary is totally blind, the rate of the age benefit, together with any benefits and allowances payable to or in respect of the wife or husband of the beneficiary, shall not be less than the aggregate rate of the benefits and allowances that would have been payable to or in respect of the beneficiary and his or her spouse if the beneficiary had been eligible for an invalid's benefit.

2. Additional age benefit for \$52 a year.

South African war veterans, in every case

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

“THIRD SCHEDULE Sections 21, 24

RATES OF WIDOWS’ BENEFITS

1. To a beneficiary without dependent children \$1,599 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of her total annual income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
2. To a beneficiary with 1 or more dependent children \$1,599 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, and diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,092 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of her total annual income in excess of \$1,300 a year.

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“FOURTH SCHEDULE Section 29

MAXIMUM RATES OF ORPHANS’ BENEFITS

- In every case ..... \$803.40 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the orphan in excess of \$260 a year.

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“FIFTH SCHEDULE Section 34

RATES OF FAMILY BENEFITS

- In respect of each child ..... \$3 a week.

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“SIXTH SCHEDULE Sections 42, 43

RATES OF INVALIDS’ BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years \$1,222 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“SIXTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$1,599 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than a superannuation benefit) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,332.76 a year, diminished by 50c for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (d) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted, in her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,332.76 a year, increased by \$1,332.76 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary \$1,332.76 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the amount of any superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act granted to the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$2,216.76 a year but not in excess of \$2,632.76 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income, including superannuation benefit, in excess of \$2,632.76 a year:

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

“SIXTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of the invalid's benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of invalid's benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive an invalid's benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$1,332.76 a year:

Provided that, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that, in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of any totally blind person, the Commission shall take no account of the personal earnings of that person:

Provided further that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum amount from all sources where subsidy paid on earnings of blind invalid, in every case \$2,528.76 a year, increased by \$266.24 a year if the beneficiary is an unmarried person.

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“SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 49, 53

RATES OF MINERS' BENEFITS AND MINERS' WIDOWS' BENEFITS

1. (a) To a married miner ... \$1,332.76 a year, increased by \$1,332.76 a year in respect of his wife.
- (b) In any other case ... \$1,599 a year.
2. To a miner's widow ... \$1,515.80 a year.

“EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Sections 54A (3), 55

RATES OF SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years without dependants \$23.50 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“EIGHTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$30.75 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary \$25.63 a week, increased by \$25.63 a week in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$25 a week.
- (d) To a married female beneficiary \$25.63 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and her husband (including the amount of any benefit under Part I of this Act received by the husband) in excess of \$42.63 a week but not in excess of \$50.63 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$50.63 a week:
- Provided that, if the husband of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of sickness benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the rate of sickness benefit that would be payable to a married male beneficiary under paragraph (c) of this clause, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$25.63 a week.
- (e) To a married person under section 54A \$25.63 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$25 a week:

Provided that, for the purposes of paragraphs (a) to (d) of this clause, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act.

2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper \$20.51 a week.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

“NINTH SCHEDULE

Section 59

MAXIMUM RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years without dependants \$23.50 a week.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$30.75 a week.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary \$25.63 a week, increased by \$25.63 a week in respect of his wife.
- (d) To a married female beneficiary \$25.63 a week:

Provided that, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper \$20.51 a week.

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“TENTH SCHEDULE

Section 66

SPECIAL INCOME EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF SICK BENEFITS FROM FRIENDLY OR LIKE SOCIETY (AGE, INVALIDS', WIDOWS', DOMESTIC PURPOSES, AND SICKNESS BENEFITS ONLY)

Maximum rate ..... \$2 a week in the case of a sickness benefit, and \$104 a year in any other case.

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“TWELFTH SCHEDULE

Section 69

MAXIMUM INCREASE IN RATE OF BENEFIT PAYABLE TO PARENT OF DECEASED MEMBER OF FORCES OR MERCANTILE MARINE

Maximum rate ..... \$1 a week.

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FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Section 61A

## “FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

## ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

1. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable otherwise than by weekly instalments, or an age, widow's, domestic purposes, or invalid's benefit—
  - (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
    - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$910.52 a year.
    - (ii) On account of second dependent child \$156 a year.
    - (iii) On account of each additional dependent child after the second \$65 a year.
  - (b) At the rate payable to a married beneficiary—
    - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$156 a year.
    - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$65 a year.
2. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable by weekly instalments, or a sickness or unemployment benefit—
  - (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
    - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$17.51 a week.
    - (ii) On account of second dependent child \$3 a week.
    - (iii) On account of each additional dependent child after the second \$1.25 a week.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

“FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

- (b) At the rate payable to a married beneficiary—
- (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$3 a week.
  - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$1.25 a week.

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“FIFTEENTH SCHEDULE Section 124 (4)

MAXIMUM RATE OF REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE

To any disabled person ..... \$10 a week.

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“SIXTEENTH SCHEDULE Sections 27B, 27c, and 27H

RATES OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFITS

- 1. To a beneficiary under the age of 18 years without dependent children \$1,222 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
  - 2. To any other beneficiary without dependent children \$1,599 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
  - 3. To a beneficiary with 1 or more dependent children \$1,599 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, and diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,092 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
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FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

## “SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 27G and 27H

## RATES OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFITS

1. To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years \$1,222 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
2. To any other unmarried beneficiary \$1,599 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
3. To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than a superannuation benefit) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,332.76 a year, diminished by 50c for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
4. To any other married beneficiary \$1,332.76 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the amount of any superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act granted to the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$2,216.76 a year but not in excess of \$2,632.76 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income, including superannuation benefit, in excess of \$2,632.76 a year:

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

“SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of the domestic purposes benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of domestic purposes benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive a domestic purposes benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$1,332.76 a year.”