



**SOCIAL SECURITY (EXEMPTIONS FROM MANDATORY  
INTERVIEWS AND WORK TESTS) AMENDMENT  
REGULATIONS (NO. 2) 1997**

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MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 14th day of April 1997

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 132 of the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Exemptions from Mandatory Interviews and Work Tests) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1997, and are part of the Social Security (Exemptions from Mandatory Interviews and Work Tests) Regulations 1996\* (“the principal regulations”).

(2) These regulations come into force on 18 April 1997.

**2. Certain beneficiaries may apply for exemption from complying with section 60HC (3) (b) of Act**—The principal regulations are amended by revoking regulation 5, and substituting the following regulation:

“5.(1) This regulation sets out the categories of work-tested beneficiaries who—

- “(a) May apply under section 60HD (2) of the Act to be exempted from complying with section 60HC (3) (b) of the Act (which relates to maintaining registration on the job seekers’ register of the Department of Labour); and
- “(b) May be exempted under section 60HD (4) of the Act.
- “(2) The first category is any work-tested beneficiary who—
  - “(a) Has reached an age at which he or she is approaching retirement (being an age of not less than 55 years) and, for that reason, is likely to have difficulty finding work; and
  - “(b) Has been registered on the job seekers’ register of the Department of Labour for not less than 6 months after the later of—
    - “(i) The date the person attained that age; or
    - “(ii) The date the person or, as the case may be, the person’s spouse was granted the work-tested benefit.
- “(3) The second category is any work-tested beneficiary who, when she makes her application,—
  - “(a) Is pregnant; and
  - “(b) Is registered on the job seekers’ register of the Department of Labour.”

MARIE SHROFF,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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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 18 April 1997, amend the Social Security (Exemptions from Mandatory Interviews and Work Tests) Regulations 1996.

Under section 60HC (3) (b) of the Social Security Act 1964, work-tested beneficiaries must maintain registration on the job seekers’ register of the Department of Labour. However, a work-tested beneficiary may apply for an exemption from maintaining registration if he or she is in a category specified in regulations. This amendment adds a new category to the categories of work-tested beneficiary who may apply for an exemption. The new category relates to a pregnant work-tested beneficiary who is registered on the job seekers’ register when she applies for an exemption.

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