



THE SOCIAL SECURITY (RATES OF BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES) ORDER 1996

THOMAS EICHELBAUM, Administrator of the Government

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 11th day of March 1996

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 61H of the Social Security Act 1964 and section 13A of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Act 1990, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following order.

ORDER

1. Title and commencement—(1) This order may be cited as the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996.

(2) Clauses 2 to 5 and 7 of this order shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1996.

(3) Clause 6 of this order shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1996.

2. Increasing amounts of funeral grants on and after 1 April 1996—The Social Security Act 1964 is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from section 61DB (as substituted by section 16 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991 and amended by clause 2(a) of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995) the expression “\$1,058.84”, and substituting the expression “\$1,089.76”:

(b) By omitting from section 61DC (as so substituted and amended) the expression “\$1,058.84”, and substituting the expression “\$1,089.76”:

(c) By omitting from section 61DD (as so substituted and amended) the expression “\$1,058.84”, and substituting the expression “\$1,089.76”.

3. Increasing rates of benefits and allowances on and after 1 April 1996—Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 specified in the first column of the First Schedule to this order is hereby amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column of that Schedule, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column of that Schedule.

4. Increasing average regional rentals on and after 1 April 1996—Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to this order is hereby amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column of that Schedule, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column of that Schedule.

5. Increasing rates of New Zealand superannuation, veterans’ pensions, and transitional retirement benefits on and after 1 April 1996—Each provision of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Act 1990 specified in the first column of the Third Schedule to this order is hereby amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column of that Schedule, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column of that Schedule.

6. Increasing rates of orphan’s benefit and unsupported child’s benefit on and after 1 July 1996—Clause 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Social Security Act 1964 (as substituted by section 21 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1990 and as amended by clause 3 of, and the First Schedule to, this order) is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from paragraph (a) the expression “\$89.06”, and substituting the expression “\$94.06”:

(b) By omitting from paragraph (b) the expression “\$81.64”, and substituting the expression “\$86.64”:

(c) By omitting from paragraph (c) the expression “\$74.21”, and substituting the expression “\$79.21”:

(d) By omitting from paragraph (d) the expression “\$59.37”, and substituting the expression “\$64.37”.

7. Revocation—The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995* is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

Clause 3

FIRST SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING RATES OF
CERTAIN BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES PAYABLE ON AND AFTER
1 APRIL 1996

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Third Schedule (as substituted by section 36 (1) of the Finance Act 1989 and amended by clause 3 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995)—		
Clause 1 (a)	10,312.12	10,613.20
Clause 1 (b)	11,249.68	11,578.32
Clause 2	7,499.44	7,718.36
Fourth Schedule (as substituted by section 21 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1990 and as so amended)—		
Clause 1 (a)	86.53	89.06
Clause 1 (b)	79.32	81.64
Clause 1 (c)	72.10	74.21
Clause 1 (d)	57.69	59.37
Sixth Schedule (as substituted by section 36 (1) of the Finance Act 1989 and as so amended)—		
Clause 1 (a)	7,282.08	7,494.76
Clause 1 (b)	8,999.12	9,261.72
Clause 1 (c)	11,821.16	12,166.44
Clause 1 (d)	12,694.24	13,065.00
Clause 1 (e)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 1 (f)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 1 (g)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 1 (h)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 1 (i)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 1 (j)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 2	10,411.44	10,630.36
	1,499.68	1,543.36
Eighth Schedule (as substituted by section 36 (1) of the Finance Act 1989 and as amended by section 39 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1991 and clause 3 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995)—		
Clause 1 (a)	115.37	118.74
Clause 1 (aa)	138.46	142.50
Clause 1 (b)	144.22	148.43
Clause 1 (c)	198.31	204.10
Clause 1 (d)	216.34	222.66
Clause 1 (e)	131.12	134.95

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING RATES OF
CERTAIN BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES PAYABLE ON AND AFTER
1 APRIL 1996—*continued*

Provisions Amended					Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Clause 1 (f)	...	...	...	...	131.12	134.95
Clause 1 (g)	...	...	...	...	131.12	134.95
Clause 1 (h)	...	...	...	...	131.12	134.95
Clause 1 (i)	...	...	...	...	131.12	134.95
Clause 1 (j)	...	...	...	...	131.12	134.95
Clause 2	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74

Ninth Schedule (as so substituted and as amended by section 40(2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1991 and clause 3 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995)—

Clause 1 (a) (iii)	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74
Clause 1 (b)	...	...	...	...	138.46	142.50
Clause 1 (c)	...	...	...	...	198.31	204.10
Clause 1 (d)	...	...	...	...	216.34	222.66
Clause 1 (e)	...	...	...	...	122.60	126.18
Clause 1 (f)	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74
Clause 1 (g)	...	...	...	...	122.60	126.18
Clause 1 (h)	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74
Clause 1 (i)	...	...	...	...	122.60	126.18
Clause 1 (j)	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74
Clause 2	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74
Clause 3	...	...	...	...	47.35	47.35
Clause 4	...	...	...	...	91.88	94.56
Clause 5	...	...	...	...	115.37	118.74

Sixteenth Schedule (as so substituted and as amended by clause 3 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995)—

Clause 1 (a)	...	...	...	...	10,312.12	10,613.20
Clause 1 (b)	...	...	...	...	11,249.68	11,578.32
Clause 2	...	...	...	...	7,499.44	7,718.36

Seventeenth Schedule (as so substituted and amended)—

Clause 1	...	...	...	...	7,282.08	7,494.76
Clause 2	...	...	...	...	8,999.12	9,261.72
Clause 3	...	...	...	...	11,821.16	12,166.44
Clause 4	...	...	...	...	12,694.24	13,065.00
Clause 5	...	...	...	...	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 6	...	...	...	...	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 7	...	...	...	...	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 8	...	...	...	...	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 9	...	...	...	...	7,499.44	7,718.36

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING RATES OF
CERTAIN BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES PAYABLE ON AND AFTER
1 APRIL 1996—*continued*

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Clause 10	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause 11	7,499.44	7,718.36
Nineteenth Schedule (as substituted by section 25 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985 and as so amended)—		
Clause 1	30.62	31.51
Clause 2	40.61	41.80
Clause 3	25.35	26.09
Twenty-second Schedule (as added by section 27 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985 and as so amended)—		
Clause 1	25.35	26.09
Clause 2	25.35	26.09
Twenty-sixth Schedule (as added by section 23 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1990 and as so amended)—		
Clause 1	115.37	118.74
Clause 2	115.37	118.74
Clause 3	115.37	118.74

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Clause 4

SECOND SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 ALTERING RATES OF
AVERAGE REGIONAL RENTALS ON AND AFTER 1 APRIL 1996

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Part III of the Eighteenth Schedule (as substituted by section 34 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 3) 1993 and as amended by clause 4 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995)—		
Clause 1	112	126
Clause 2	110	113
Clause 3	88	92
Clause 4	155	173
Clause 5	142	146
Clause 6	119	126

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THIRD SCHEDULE

Clause 5

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WELFARE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1990
INCREASING RATES OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERANNUATION, VETERANS'
PENSIONS, AND TRANSITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS, PAYABLE ON AND
AFTER 1 APRIL 1996

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
First Schedule (as substituted by section 10 (1) of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991 and amended by clause 5 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1995)—		
Clause 1 (a)	12,567.36	12,974.00
	241.68	249.50
Clause 1 (b)	11,468.08	11,839.36
	220.54	227.68
Clause 1 (c)	9,306.44	9,585.16
	178.97	184.33
Clause 1 (d)	9,564.36	9,585.16
	183.93	184.33
Clause 2 (a)	18,612.88	19,170.32
	357.94	368.66
Clause 2 (b)	17,776.72	18,281.12
	341.86	351.56
Clause 2 (c)	18,612.88	19,170.32
	357.94	368.66
Clause 2 (d)	17,776.72	18,281.12
	341.86	351.56
Second Schedule (as so amended)—		
Clause 1 (a)	9,670.72	9,953.11
Clause 1 (b)	3,835.44	3,947.43
Clause 1 (c)	2,924.61	3,010.01
Fourth Schedule (as added by section 3 (2) of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1993 and as so amended)—		
Clause (a)	8,999.12	9,261.72
Clause (b)	11,821.16	12,166.44
Clause (c)	12,694.24	13,065.00
Clause (d)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause (e)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause (f)	7,499.44	7,718.36
Clause (g)	7,499.44	7,718.36

DIANE WILDERSPIN,
Acting for Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Clauses 2 and 3 of this order, which come into force on 1 April 1996, increase the rates of funeral grants, and widows', invalids', domestic purposes, sickness, unemployment, training, independent youth, orphans', unsupported children's, and related emergency benefits.

Also increased are the rates of handicapped child's allowance and disability allowance, the "hospital" rate of benefit, and the maximum amounts of income a blind beneficiary may earn and still receive a subsidy.

Clause 4 of the order, which also comes into force on 1 April 1996, alters average regional rentals, which are used in calculating a person's tenure protection allowance.

Clause 5 of the order, which also comes into force on 1 April 1996, increases the living alone rate, the unmarried rate, the married rate, and the alternative rate of New Zealand superannuation veteran's pension payable to beneficiaries who were receiving or had applied for and were entitled to receive the alternative rate prior to 1 October 1991, the rate for a married person whose spouse is not entitled to receive New Zealand Superannuation or a veteran's pension in his or her own right, and the rates of transitional retirement benefits.

Also increased are the lump sums payable on the death of a person who was receiving a veteran's pension.

Clause 6 of the order, which comes into force on 1 July 1996, further increases the rates of orphan's benefit and unsupported child's benefit.

Clause 7 of the order provides for a consequential revocation.

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This order is administered in the Department of Social Welfare.