



**SOCIAL SECURITY (RATES OF BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES)  
ORDER 1997**

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MICHAEL HARDIE BOYS, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 3rd day of March 1997

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL 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 Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, makes the following order.

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ORDER

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This order may be cited as the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1997.

(2) Clause 6 comes into force on 1 July 1997.

(3) The rest of this order comes into force on 1 April 1997.

**2. Increasing amounts of funeral grants on and after 1 April 1997**—Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Schedule 1 is amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

**3. Increasing amounts of certain benefits and allowances on and after 1 April 1997**—Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Schedule 2 is amended by omitting every expression

set out opposite to it in the second column, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

**4. Increasing amounts of average regional rentals on and after 1 April 1997**—Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Schedule 3 is amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

**5. Increasing rates of New Zealand superannuation, veterans' pensions, and transitional retirement benefits on and after 1 April 1997**—Each provision of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Act 1990 listed in the first column of Schedule 4 is amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

**6. Increasing amounts of orphan's benefit and unsupported child's benefit on and after 1 July 1997**—Each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Schedule 5 is amended by omitting every expression set out opposite to it in the second column, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column.

**7. Revocation**—The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996\* is revoked.

\*S.R. 1996/49

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## SCHEDULES

Cl. 2

## SCHEDULE 1

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING AMOUNTS OF  
FUNERAL GRANTS ON AND AFTER 1 APRIL 1997

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Section 61DB (as substituted by section 16 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1991 and amended by clause 2 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996)— ... ..	1,089.76	1,117.55
Section 61DC (as so substituted and amended)	1,089.76	1,117.55
Section 61DD (as so substituted and amended)	1,089.76	1,117.55

Cl. 3

## SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING AMOUNTS OF  
CERTAIN BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES ON AND AFTER  
1 APRIL 1997

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Third Schedule (as substituted by section 39 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1996)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	204.10	209.30
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	222.66	228.34
Clause 2 ... ..	148.43	152.21
Fourth Schedule (as substituted by section 21 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1990 and amended by clauses 3 and 6 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	94.06	96.46
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	86.64	88.85
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	79.21	81.23
Clause 1 (d) ... ..	64.37	66.01
Sixth Schedule (as substituted by section 39 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1996)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	144.13	147.81
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	178.11	182.65
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	233.97	239.94
Clause 1 (d) ... ..	251.25	257.66
Clause 1 (e) ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 1 (f) ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 1 (g) ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 2 ... ..	258.43	262.21
... ..	29.68	30.44

SCHEDULE 2—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING AMOUNTS OF  
CERTAIN BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES ON AND AFTER  
1 APRIL 1997—*continued*

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Eighth Schedule (as so substituted)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	118.74	121.77
Clause 1 (aa) ... ..	142.50	146.13
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	204.10	209.30
Clause 1 (d) ... ..	222.66	228.34
Clause 1 (e) ... ..	134.95	138.39
Clause 1 (f) ... ..	134.95	138.39
Clause 1 (g) ... ..	134.95	138.39
Clause 2 ... ..	118.74	121.77
Ninth Schedule (as so substituted and as amended by section 2 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 3) 1996)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	118.74	121.77
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	142.50	146.13
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	204.10	209.30
Clause 1 (d) ... ..	222.66	228.34
Clause 1 (e) ... ..	126.18	129.40
Clause 1 (f) ... ..	118.74	121.77
Clause 1 (g) ... ..	126.18	129.40
Clause 1 (h) ... ..	118.74	121.77
Clause 1 (i) ... ..	126.18	129.40
Clause 1 (j) ... ..	118.74	121.77
Clause 2 ... ..	118.74	121.77
Clause 4 ... ..	94.56	96.97
Clause 5 ... ..	118.74	121.77
Sixteenth Schedule (as so substituted)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	204.10	209.30
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	222.66	228.34
Clause 2 ... ..	148.43	152.21
Seventeenth Schedule (as so substituted)—		
Clause 1 ... ..	144.13	147.81
Clause 2 ... ..	178.11	182.65
Clause 3 ... ..	233.97	239.94
Clause 4 ... ..	251.25	257.66
Clause 5 ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 6 ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 7 ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause 8 ... ..	148.43	152.21

SCHEDULE 2—*continued*AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING AMOUNTS OF  
CERTAIN BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES ON AND AFTER  
1 APRIL 1997—*continued*

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Nineteenth Schedule (as substituted by section 25 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985 and amended by clause 3 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996)—		
Clause 1     ...     ...     ...     ...	31.51	32.31
Clause 2     ...     ...     ...     ...	41.80	42.87
Clause 3     ...     ...     ...     ...	26.09	26.76
Twenty-second Schedule (as added by section 27 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985 and as so amended)—		
Clause 1     ...     ...     ...     ...	26.09	26.76
Clause 2     ...     ...     ...     ...	26.09	26.76
Twenty-sixth Schedule (as substituted by section 39 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1996)—		
Clause 1     ...     ...     ...     ...	118.74	121.77
Clause 2     ...     ...     ...     ...	118.74	121.77
Clause 3     ...     ...     ...     ...	118.74	121.77

Cl. 4

## SCHEDULE 3

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING AMOUNTS OF  
AVERAGE REGIONAL RENTALS ON AND AFTER 1 APRIL 1997

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 amended by clause 4 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996)—		
Clause 1     ...     ...     ...     ...	126	144
Clause 2     ...     ...     ...     ...	113	120
Clause 3     ...     ...     ...     ...	92	94
Clause 4     ...     ...     ...     ...	173	194
Clause 5     ...     ...     ...     ...	146	148
Clause 6     ...     ...     ...     ...	126	129

## SCHEDULE 4

Cl. 5

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WELFARE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1990  
INCREASING RATES OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERANNUATION, VETERANS'  
PENSIONS, AND TRANSITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS ON AND AFTER  
1 APRIL 1997

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
First Schedule (as substituted by section 3 of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Act 1996)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	249.50	252.82
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	227.68	231.72
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	184.33	189.52
Clause 2 (a) ... ..	368.66	379.04
Clause 2 (b) ... ..	351.56	360.74
Second Schedule (as amended by clause 5 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 1996)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	9,953.11	10,206.91
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	3,947.43	4,048.09
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	3,010.01	3,086.77
Fourth Schedule (as substituted by section 3 of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Act 1996)—		
Clause (a) ... ..	178.11	182.65
Clause (b) ... ..	233.97	239.94
Clause (c) ... ..	251.25	257.66
Clause (d) ... ..	148.43	152.21
Clause (e) ... ..	148.43	152.21

## SCHEDULE 5

Cl. 6

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964 INCREASING AMOUNTS OF  
ORPHAN'S BENEFIT AND UNSUPPORTED CHILD'S BENEFIT ON AND AFTER  
1 JULY 1997

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted \$	Expressions Substituted \$
Fourth Schedule (as substituted by section 21 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1990 and amended by clause 3 of this Order)—		
Clause 1 (a) ... ..	96.46	101.46
Clause 1 (b) ... ..	88.85	93.85
Clause 1 (c) ... ..	81.23	86.23
Clause 1 (d) ... ..	66.01	71.01

MARIE SHROFF,  
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, which come into force on 1 April 1997, 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, which also comes into force on 1 April 1997, alters average regional rentals, which are used in calculating a person's tenure protection allowance.*

*Clause 5, which also comes into force on 1 April 1997, 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, which comes into force on 1 July 1997, further increases the rates of orphan's benefit and unsupported child's benefit.*

*Clause 7 provides for a consequential revocation.*

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This order is administered in the Department of Social Welfare.