

Reprint
as at 1 April 2015



**Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order
2014**
(LI 2014/39)

Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 24th day of February 2014

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2014: revoked, on 1 April 2015, by clause 7 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2015 (LI 2015/33).

Pursuant to sections 61H and 61HA of the Social Security Act 1964 and sections 15 and 16 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following order.

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Note

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 2 of the Legislation Act 2012 have been made in this official reprint.
Note 4 at the end of this reprint provides a list of the amendments incorporated.

This order is administered by the Ministry of Social Development.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2014.

2 Commencement

- (1) This order comes into force on 1 April 2014.
- (2) By way of explanation,—
 - (a) clause 4 comes into force on 1 April 2014 by virtue of section 61HA(5) of the Social Security Act 1964:
 - (b) clause 5 comes into force on 1 April 2014 by virtue of sections 15 and 16 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001:
 - (c) clause 6 comes into force immediately after clauses 4 and 5 come into force.

Order: validated and confirmed, on 12 December 2014, by section 10 of the Subordinate Legislation (Confirmation and Validation) Act 2014 (2014 No 70).

3 Increasing amounts of funeral grants

- (1) In the Social Security Act 1964, sections 61DB, 61DC, and 61DD, replace “\$1,971.37” with “\$1,998.57”.
- (2) The amendments made by subclause (1) apply in respect of persons who die on or after 1 April 2014.

4 Mandatory adjustments under section 61HA of Social Security Act 1964

In each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of this order, replace the amount set out opposite to that

provision in the second column with the amount set out opposite to that provision in the third column.

5 Mandatory adjustments under sections 15 and 16 of New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001

In each provision of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of this order, replace the amount set out opposite to that provision in the second column with the amount set out opposite to that provision in the third column.

6 Discretionary adjustments under section 61H of Social Security Act 1964

- (1) In each provision of the Social Security Act 1964 listed in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of this order, replace the amount set out opposite to that provision in the second column with the amount set out opposite to that provision in the third column.
- (2) In each provision of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Part 2 of Schedule 2 of this order, replace the amount set out opposite to that provision in the second column with the amount set out opposite to that provision in the third column.
- (3) In Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, replace clause 4 with:

4	Rate of special disability allowance under section 20	An amount that, after deduction of any income tax, is equal to \$38.28 per week
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- (4) The amendments made by this clause take effect from the close of 31 March 2014.

7 Revocation

The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2013 (SR 2013/19) is revoked.

Schedule 1

Mandatory increases

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Part 1

Increases to social security benefits and allowances

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 3 (Rates of generally abolished former widows' benefits under section 21 as saved by clause 3 of Schedule 32 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	295.37	299.45
Clause 2	214.79	217.75
<i>Schedule 3A (Rate of sole parent support)</i>		
Clause 1	295.37	299.45
<i>Schedule 4 (Maximum rates of orphans' benefits and unsupported child's benefits)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	200.65	203.42
Clause 1(b)	183.53	186.06
Clause 1(c)	166.32	168.62
Clause 1(d)	143.32	145.30
<i>Schedule 6 (Rates of supported living payment benefits)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	208.58	211.46
Clause 1(b)	257.75	261.31
Clause 1(c)	338.60	343.27
Clause 1(e)	214.79	217.75
Clause 1(f)	214.79	217.75
Clause 1(g)	214.79	217.75
Clause 1(h)	214.79	217.75
Clause 3	214.79	217.75
<i>Schedule 9 (Rates of jobseeker support)</i>		
Clause 1(aa)	137.47	139.37
Clause 1(a)	171.84	174.21
Clause 1(ab)	214.79	217.75
Clause 1(b)	206.21	209.06
Clause 1(ba)	295.37	299.45
Clause 1(c)	295.37	299.45
Clause 1(d)	171.84	174.21
Clause 1(e)	171.84	174.21
Clause 1(f)	171.84	174.21
Clause 2	171.84	174.21
Clause 5	171.84	174.21
<i>Schedule 16 (Rates of generally abolished former DPB for solo parents under section 27B as saved by clause 3 of schedule 32 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	295.37	299.45
Clause 2	214.79	217.75
<i>Schedule 22 (Rates of benefits payable to long-term hospital patients)</i>		

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
Clause 1	42.64	43.23
<i>Schedule 26 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 1	171.84	174.21
Clause 2	137.47	139.37
Clause 3	295.37	299.45
Clause 4	171.84	174.21
Clause 5	171.84	174.21

Part 2

Increases to superannuation entitlements

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 1 (New Zealand superannuation entitlements)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	410.32	416.30
Clause 1(b)	377.05	382.48
Clause 1(c)	310.34	315.00
Clause 2(b)	587.46	596.44

Schedule 2

Discretionary increases

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Part 1

Increases to social security asset limits, etc

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 6 (Rates of supported living payment benefit)</i>		
Clause 2	344.79	347.75
	42.96	43.56
<i>Schedule 19 (Rates of child disability allowance and disability allowance)</i>		
Clause 1	45.62	46.25
Clause 2	60.54	61.38
Clause 3	37.76	38.28
<i>Schedule 26 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 10	208.00	210.88
	258.00	260.88
Clause 11	208.00	210.88
	308.00	310.88
<i>Schedule 31 (Asset and income limits that may be applied to certain assistance)</i>		
Clause 1	1,031.36	1,045.59
Clause 2	1,718.52	1,742.24
Clause 3	1,354.21	1,372.90

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 6 (Rates of supported living payment benefit)</i>		
Clause 2	344.79	347.75
	42.96	43.56
<i>Schedule 19 (Rates of child disability allowance and disability allowance)</i>		
Clause 1	45.62	46.25
Clause 2	60.54	61.38
Clause 3	37.76	38.28
Clause 4	1,454.71	1,474.78
Clause 5	471.09	477.59
Clause 6	541.43	548.90
Clause 7	786.39	797.24
Clause 8	656.99	666.06
Clause 9	692.18	701.73
Clause 10	509.10	516.13
Clause 11	595.92	607.36
Clause 12	882.79	900.57
Clause 13	710.02	719.82
Clause 14	748.07	758.39

Part 2

Increases to superannuation entitlements

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 1 (New Zealand superannuation entitlements)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	416.30	421.76
Clause 1(b)	382.48	387.58
Clause 1(c)	315.00	319.23
Clause 2(a)	620.68	638.46
Clause 2(b)	596.44	604.54
Clause 3	42.64	43.23

Michael Webster,
for Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

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

This order, which comes into force on 1 April 2014, increases a range of benefits, allowances, asset limits, superannuation entitlements, etc. The increases reflect both mandatory adjustments and some additional discretionary increases. Where an annual CPI increase is required, it reflects the increase of 1.38% in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2012 quarter to the December 2013 quarter,

calculated for all quarters using the Consumers Price Index (All Groups), excluding cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Annual CPI increases are required under section 61HA of the Social Security Act 1964 for the following benefits: former widows', sole parent support, orphans' and unsupported child's', supported living payment, jobseeker support, former domestic purposes, the hospital rate, and youth payments and young parent payments. These increases are set out in *Part 1 of Schedule 1*.

Annual CPI increases are also required, under section 15 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, to superannuation entitlements. Section 16 of that Act requires that those increases may be more than the CPI amount in certain cases. The total of the increases required by both sections 15 and 16 is set out in *Part 2 of Schedule 1*.

The discretionary increases made under section 61H of the Social Security Act 1964 are in respect of—

- funeral grants:
- the income threshold for a totally blind beneficiary to be eligible for an additional allowance:
- the rates of child disability allowance and disability allowance:
- the abatement rates and income limits for the youth payment and young parent payment:
- various asset and income limits that may be applied to certain assistance.

The increases are set out in *clause 3* and *Part 1 of Schedule 2*. Increases to superannuation entitlements, which build on the increases set out in *Part 2 of Schedule 1*, are also made, in order to implement the Government's commitment to ensure that the net married couple rate of New Zealand superannuation is set at a minimum of 66% of the net average wage. These increases are set out in *Part 2 of Schedule 2*.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2014 that incorporates all the amendments to that order as at the date of the last amendment to it.

2 *Legal status*

Reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by any amendments to that enactment. Section 18 of the Legislation Act 2012 provides that this reprint, published in electronic form, has the status of an official version under section 17 of that Act. A printed version of the reprint produced directly from this official electronic version also has official status.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

Editorial and format changes to reprints are made using the powers under sections 24 to 26 of the Legislation Act 2012. See also <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/>.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2015 (LI 2015/33): clause 7

Subordinate Legislation (Confirmation and Validation) Act 2014 (2014 No 70): section 10