

**Version  
as at 1 April 2024**



# **Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2023**

(SL 2023/38)

Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2023: revoked, on 1 April 2024, by clause 8 of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2024 (SL 2024/11).

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

## **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 20th day of March 2023

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under sections 452, 452A, and 453 of the Social Security Act 2018 and sections 15 and 16 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

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**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 2023.

### 2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 1 April 2023, but clause 8 comes into force immediately after clauses 5, 6, and 7.

Order: confirmed, on 23 December 2023, by section 11 of the Secondary Legislation Confirmation Act 2023 (2023 No 67).

### 3 Interpretation

In this order, **commencement date** means 1 April 2023.

### 4 Application

- (1) In accordance with section 452A(5) of the Social Security Act 2018, clause 5 applies to benefits (as defined in that Act) payable on and after the commencement date.
- (2) In accordance with section 453(5) of the Social Security Act 2018, clause 6 applies to benefits (as defined in that Act) payable on and after the commencement date.
- (3) In accordance with section 15(6) of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, clause 7 applies to New Zealand superannuation payable on and after the commencement date.

- (4) In accordance with section 452(4) of the Social Security Act 2018, clause 8 applies to benefits, allowances, and entitlements payable on and after the commencement date.

**5 Mandatory adjustments under section 452A of Social Security Act 2018**

In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 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.

**6 Mandatory adjustments under section 453 of Social Security Act 2018**

In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 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.

**7 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 3 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.

**8 Discretionary increases under section 452 of Social Security Act 2018**

- (1) In each provision of the Social Security Act 2018 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 Social Security Act 2018 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 each provision of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 listed in the first column of Part 3 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.

**9 Revocations**

- (1) The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2022 (SL 2022/28) is revoked.
- (2) The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order (No 2) 2022 (SL 2022/67) is revoked.

## Schedule 1

### Mandatory adjustments

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### Part 1

#### Average weekly earnings wage adjustments to social security benefits and allowances

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 1 (Jobseeker support)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	233.75	248.34
Clause 1(b)	274.37	291.50
Clause 1(c)	325.12	345.41
Clause 1(d)	315.00	334.66
Clause 1(e)	440.96	468.48
Clause 1(f)	440.96	468.48
Clause 1(g)(i)	268.00	284.73
Clause 1(g)(ii)	283.00	300.66
Clause 1(h)(i)	268.00	284.73
Clause 1(h)(ii)	283.00	300.66
Clause 1(j)(i)	536.00	569.46
Clause 1(j)(ii)	566.00	601.32
Clause 2	268.00	284.73
Clause 3(i)	268.00	284.73
Clause 3(ii)	283.00	300.66
<i>Schedule 4, Part 2 (Sole parent support)</i>		
Clause 1	440.96	468.48
<i>Schedule 4, Part 3 (Supported living payment)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	300.89	319.67
Clause 1(b)	359.00	381.41
Clause 1(c)	492.06	522.77
Clause 1(d)(i)	305.00	324.04
Clause 1(d)(ii)	320.00	339.97
Clause 1(e)(i)	305.00	324.04
Clause 1(e)(ii)	332.24	352.98
Clause 1(g)(i)	610.00	648.08
Clause 1(g)(ii)	640.00	679.94
Clause 1(h)(i)	305.00	324.04
Clause 1(h)(ii)	332.24	352.98
Clause 2	492.00	522.71
Clause 2	64.27	68.28
Clause 7(a)	305.00	324.04
Clause 7(b)	332.24	352.98

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 6 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 1	274.37	291.50
Clause 2	254.38	270.26
Clause 3	440.96	468.48
Clause 4	268.00	284.73
Clause 5(a)	283.00	300.66
Clause 5(b)	283.00	300.66
<i>Schedule 4, Part 10 (Rates of generally abolished former widows' benefits under section 21 of Social Security Act 1964 as saved by clause 55 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	440.96	468.48
Clause 2	325.12	345.41
<i>Schedule 4, Part 11 (Rates of generally abolished former DPB for solo parents under section 27B of Social Security Act 1964 as saved by clause 55 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	440.96	468.48
Clause 2	325.12	345.41

## Part 2

### CPI adjustments to social security benefits and allowances

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 4 (Orphan's benefit)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	296.42	317.82
Clause 1(b)	276.62	296.59
Clause 1(c)	256.72	275.25
Clause 1(d)	254.95	273.36
<i>Schedule 4, Part 5 (Unsupported child's benefit)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	296.42	317.82
Clause 1(b)	276.62	296.59
Clause 1(c)	256.72	275.25
Clause 1(d)	254.95	273.36
<i>Schedule 4, Part 12 (Rates of benefits payable to long-term hospital patients)</i>		
Clause 1	49.33	52.89

## Part 3

### Adjustments to superannuation entitlements

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 1, Part 1 (Rates generally)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	538.24	578.67
Clause 1(b)	495.10	532.43
Clause 1(c)	408.66	439.79
<i>Schedule 1, Part 2 (Rates saved by Schedule 1AA)</i>		
Clause 1(b)	774.70	834.08

## Schedule 2

### Discretionary increases under section 452 of Social Security Act 2018

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### Part 1

#### Increases to social security benefits and allowances that have been adjusted under Part 1 of Schedule 1

Provision amended	Old amount (\$)	New amount (\$)
<i>Schedule 4, Part 1 (Jobseeker support)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	248.34	250.63
Clause 1(b)	291.50	294.18
Clause 1(c)	345.41	348.59
Clause 1(d)	334.66	337.74
Clause 1(e)	468.48	472.79
Clause 1(f)	468.48	472.79
Clause 1(g)(i)	284.73	287.35
Clause 1(g)(ii)	300.66	303.43
Clause 1(h)(i)	284.73	287.35
Clause 1(h)(ii)	300.66	303.43
Clause 1(j)(i)	569.46	574.70
Clause 1(j)(ii)	601.32	606.86
Clause 2	284.73	287.35
Clause 3(i)	284.73	287.35
Clause 3(ii)	300.66	303.43
<i>Schedule 4, Part 2 (Sole parent support)</i>		
Clause 1	468.48	472.79
<i>Schedule 4, Part 3 (Supporting living payment)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	319.67	322.61
Clause 1(b)	381.41	384.92
Clause 1(c)	522.77	527.58
Clause 1(d)(i)	324.04	327.02
Clause 1(d)(ii)	339.97	343.10
Clause 1(e)(i)	324.04	327.02
Clause 1(e)(ii)	352.98	356.23
Clause 1(g)(i)	648.08	654.04
Clause 1(g)(ii)	679.94	686.20
Clause 1(h)(i)	324.04	327.02
Clause 1(h)(ii)	352.98	356.23
Clause 2	522.71	527.52
Clause 7(a)	324.04	327.02
Clause 7(b)	352.98	356.23

<b>Provision amended</b>	<b>Old amount (\$)</b>	<b>New amount (\$)</b>
<i>Schedule 4, Part 6 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 1	291.50	294.18
Clause 2	270.26	272.74
Clause 3	468.48	472.79
Clause 4	284.73	287.35
Clause 5(a)	300.66	303.43
Clause 5(b)	300.66	303.43
<i>Schedule 4, Part 10 (Rates of generally abolished former widows' benefits under section 21 of Social Security Act 1964 as saved by clause 55 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	468.48	472.79
Clause 2	345.41	348.59
<i>Schedule 4, Part 11 (Rates of generally abolished former DPB for solo parents under section 27B of Social Security Act 1964 as saved by clause 55 of Schedule 1 of Social Security Act 2018 for reciprocity agreement applicants or recipients)</i>		
Clause 1	468.48	472.79
Clause 2	345.41	348.59

## Part 2

### Increases to social security rates and allowances, asset limits, income limits, and disability allowance income limits

<b>Provision amended</b>	<b>Old amount (\$)</b>	<b>New amount (\$)</b>
<i>Schedule 4, Part 6 (Rates and component of youth payment and young parent payment, and criteria for incentive payments)</i>		
Clause 11	240.70	258.08
	290.70	308.08
Clause 12	240.70	258.08
	340.70	358.08
<i>Schedule 4, Part 9 (Child disability allowance and disability allowance)</i>		
Clause 1	52.79	56.60
Clause 2	70.04	75.10
Clause 3	43.69	46.84
<i>Schedule 5, Part 1 (Asset limits)</i>		
Clause 1	1,193.21	1,279.35
Clause 2	1,988.20	2,131.73
Clause 3	1,566.73	1,679.84
Clause 4	1,682.97	1,804.47
<i>Schedule 5, Part 2 (Income limits)</i>		
Clause 5	545.01	584.36
Clause 6	626.37	671.59
Clause 7	909.81	975.49
Clause 8	760.08	814.95
Clause 9	800.78	858.59

<b>Provision amended</b>	<b>Old amount (\$)</b>	<b>New amount (\$)</b>
<i>Schedule 5, Part 3 (Disability allowance income limits)</i>		
Clause 10	588.98	631.50
Clause 11	733.72	786.69
Clause 12	1,092.55	1,171.42
Clause 13	821.43	880.73
Clause 14	865.46	927.94

### **Part 3**

#### **Increases to superannuation entitlements**

<b>Provision amended</b>	<b>Old amount (\$)</b>	<b>New amount (\$)</b>
<i>Schedule 1, Part 1 (Rates generally)</i>		
Clause 3	49.33	52.89
<i>Schedule 1, Part 2 (Rates saved by Schedule 1AA)</i>		
Clause 1(a)	817.32	879.58

Rachel Hayward,  
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 2023, increases a range of benefits, allowances, asset limits, and superannuation entitlements, etc, that are payable on and after that date. The increases reflect both mandatory adjustments and discretionary increases.

Where a net average weekly earnings adjustment is required, it reflects the increase of 6.24% in the net average wage from the December 2021 quarter to the December 2022 quarter.

Annual net average weekly earnings adjustments are required under section 452A of the Social Security Act 2018 for the following benefits:

- jobseeker support:
- sole parent support:
- supported living payment:
- youth payment and young parent payment:
- former widows' benefit:
- former domestic purposes benefit.

Those increases are set out in *Part 1 of Schedule 1*.



Where an annual consumers price index (CPI) increase is required, it reflects the increase of 7.22% in the New Zealand Consumers Price Index from the December 2021 quarter to the December 2022 quarter (calculated for all quarters using the New Zealand Consumers Price Index (All Groups)).

Annual CPI increases are required under section 453 of the Social Security Act 2018 for the following benefits:

- orphan's benefit:
- unsupported child's benefit:
- long-term hospital rates.

Those increases are set out in *Part 2 of Schedule 1*.

Annual CPI increases are also required, under section 15 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001, for superannuation entitlements. Those increases may sometimes be more than the CPI increase in order to meet the further requirements (in sections 15(3) and 16 of that Act) that the increases maintain a specified relationship to the net average wage and also maintain the proportional relationship of specified rates. The total of the increases required by both sections 15 and 16 of that Act are set out in *Part 3 of Schedule 1*.

The discretionary increases made under section 452 of the Social Security Act 2018 are in respect of—

- certain rates of benefits payable to beneficiaries set out in Parts 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, and 11 of Schedule 4 of the Social Security Act 2018:
- the various asset and income limits that are set out in Schedule 5 of the Social Security Act 2018 for receiving certain benefits and grants:
- the rates payable to superannuitants set out in Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001.

Those increases are set out in *Schedule 2*.

This order must be confirmed by an Act before the close of 30 June 2024. If it is not confirmed, it will be revoked on the close of that date. *See* subpart 3 of Part 5 of the Legislation Act 2019.

## Notes

### **1** *General*

This is a consolidation of the Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2023 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

### **2** *Legal status*

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

### **3** *Editorial and format changes*

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

### **4** *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2024 (SL 2024/11): clause 8

Secondary Legislation Confirmation Act 2023 (2023 No 67): section 11