

**Reprint
as at 1 April 2021**



Social Security (Definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test 2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4) Order 2020

(LI 2020/14)

Social Security (Definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test 2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4) Order 2020: revoked, on 1 April 2021, by clause 4 of the Social Security (Definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test 2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4) Order 2021 (LI 2021/16).

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 24th day of February 2020

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 452(1) and (2)(c) of the Social Security Act 2018 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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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.

Order

1 Title

This order is the Social Security (Definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test 2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4) Order 2020.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 1 April 2020.

Order: confirmed, on 12 December 2020, by section 13(a) of the Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2020 (2020 No 66).

3 Schedule 2 of Social Security Act 2018 amended

- (1) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 1**, paragraph (a),—
 - (a) replace “\$100” with “\$115”; and
 - (b) replace “\$200” with “\$215”.
- (2) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 1**, paragraph (b), replace “\$200” with “\$215”.
- (3) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 2**, paragraph (a),—
 - (a) replace “\$100” with “\$115”; and
 - (b) replace “\$200” with “\$215”.
- (4) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 2**, paragraph (b), replace “\$200” with “\$215”.
- (5) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 3**, paragraph (a), replace “\$100” with “\$115”.
- (6) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 3**, paragraph (b), replace “\$80” with “\$90”.
- (7) In the Social Security Act 2018, Schedule 2, definition of **Income Test 4**, replace “\$80” with “\$90”.

Michael Webster,
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 2020, is made under the Social Security Act 2018 (the **Act**). The order amends the definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test

2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4 in Schedule 2 of the Act to increase the abatement threshold for main beneficiaries and non-qualified spouses and partners of superannuitants.

The abatement threshold is the level of income per week that a person receiving a main benefit or their spouse or partner can earn before the person's benefit begins to reduce.

This order is a confirmable instrument, and an annual confirmable instrument, under section 47B of the Legislation Act 2012. It is revoked, or taken to have been invalid for past operation, at the close of 30 June 2021 unless earlier confirmed by an Act of Parliament. That stated time is the applicable deadline under section 47C(1)(a) of the Legislation Act 2012.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 27 February 2020.

Reprints notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Social Security (Definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test 2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4) Order 2020 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 (Definitions of Income Test 1, Income Test 2, Income Test 3, and Income Test 4) Order 2021 (LI 2021/16): clause 4

Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Act 2020 (2020 No 66): section 13(a)