

Social Services Legislation Amendment (14‑month Regional Independence Criteria) Act 2018

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[*Assented to 28 March 2018*]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

 This Act is the *Social Services Legislation Amendment (14‑month Regional Independence Criteria) Act 2018*.

2 Commencement

 (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

| Commencement information |
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| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
| Provisions | Commencement | Date/Details |
| 1. The whole of this Act | The day this Act receives the Royal Assent. | 28 March 2018 |

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

 (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

 Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Student Payments) Act 2017

1 Item 7 of Schedule 4

Repeal the item, substitute:

7 Application provisions

(1) The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to:

 (a) subject to subitem (2), working out qualification for, or the rate of, youth allowance in relation to days occurring on or after 1 January 2018; and

 (b) working out whether a person is qualified for a relocation scholarship payment at a time on or after 1 January 2018.

(2) The amendments made by this Schedule, so far as they relate to youth allowance, do not apply in relation to a person who, in respect of a day before the day the *Social Services Legislation Amendment (14‑month Regional Independence Criteria) Act 2018* receives the Royal Assent:

 (a) receives youth allowance because of a claim made before 1 January 2018; and

 (b) receives the youth allowance at a rate worked out on the basis that the person is independent; and

 (c) is independent because of paragraph 1067A(10)(c) of the *Social Security Act 1991* as in force immediately before 1 January 2018.

[*Minister’s second reading speech made in—*

*House of Representatives on 15 February 2018*

*Senate on 19 March 2018*]

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