



Social Security (Ordinary Waiting Period Exemption) Instrument 2020

I, Kathryn Campbell, Secretary of the Department of Social Services, make the following Determination.

Dated 12 March 2020

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Secretary of the Department of Social Services

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Ordinary Waiting Period Exemption) Instrument 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument 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		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. Sections 1 to 6	The day this instrument is registered.	
3. Schedule 1	Immediately after the commencement of section 5	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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

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

3 Authority

This instrument is made under sections 500WA, 549CA and 620 of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

4 Definition

In this instrument:

Act means the *Social Security Act 1991*.

5 Schedule

Each instrument that is specified in the Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule, and any other item in the Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

6 Ordinary waiting period exemptions

- (1) For paragraph 500WA(2)(b) of the Act, the following class of people is exempted from application of subsection 500WA(1) of the Act:
 - (a) the class of persons undertaking the activity specified in section 7 of the *Social Security (Exemptions from Non-payment and Waiting Periods - Activities) Specification 2017*, as amended by this instrument.
- (2) For paragraph 549CA(3)(b) of the Act, the following class of people is exempted from application of subsection 549CA(2) of the Act:
 - (a) the class of persons undertaking the activity specified in section 7 of the *Social Security (Exemptions from Non-payment and Waiting Periods - Activities) Specification 2017*, as amended by this instrument.
- (3) For paragraph 620(2)(b) of the Act, the following class of people is exempted from application of subsection 620(1) of the Act:
 - (a) the class of persons undertaking the activity specified in section 7 of the *Social Security (Exemptions from Non-payment and Waiting Periods - Activities) Specification 2017*, as amended by this instrument.

Schedule 1—Amendments to other instruments

Social Security (Exemptions from Non-payment and Waiting Periods - Activities) Specification 2017

1 At the end of section 6

Add:

7 Specification of activities for ordinary waiting period exemptions

(a) For paragraphs 500WA(2)(a), 549CA(3)(a) and 620(2)(a) of the Act, the following activity is specified:

- i. the activity of making a claim for a social security payment during the period commencing 12 March 2020 and ending on 12 June 2020 and then receiving a social security payment for part or all of that period.