



Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 12) Determination 2020

I, Anne Ruston, Minister for Families and Social Services, make the following determination.

Dated 7 August 2020

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Minister for Families and Social Services

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 12) Determination 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. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	11 August 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 item 28 of Schedule 2 to the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus (Measures No. 2) Act 2020*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 5) Determination 2020

1 Before item 1 of Schedule 1

Insert:

1A Modifications of section 202

- (1) Section 202 of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* is varied by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2C):
- (2CA) A person may disclose protected information to a taxation officer for the purposes of administering the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020* or rules made under that Act.
- (2) Subsection 202(2D) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* is varied by inserting the following:
- taxation officer** means the following:
- (a) a person who is a taxation officer within the meaning of subsection 355-30(2) in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*;
 - (b) an entity covered by section 355-15 in that Schedule.

2 After subitem 1(1) of Schedule 1

Insert:

- (1A) Subsection 204A(2) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* is varied by omitting the words “Information provided” and substituting the words “Subject to this section, information provided”.

3 At the end of item 1 of Schedule 1

Add:

- (4) Section 204A of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* is varied by adding the following subsections at the end of the section:
- Additional uses of information provided under subsection (1A)*
- (3) Information provided to the Secretary under a requirement made under subsection (1A) may also be used in connection with a disclosure under subsection 202(2CA).
- (4) Information provided to the Secretary about individuals under a requirement made under subsection (1A) may also be used (either alone or together with information mentioned in subsection (6)) to produce information in an aggregated form that does not disclose, either directly or indirectly, information about a particular individual.

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- (5) Information provided to the Secretary under a requirement made under subsection (1A) may also be used (either alone or together with information mentioned in subsection (6)) for the following purposes:
- (a) research into matters of relevance to a Department that is administering any part of the social security law;
 - (b) statistical analysis of matters of relevance to a Department that is administering any part of the social security law;
 - (c) policy development;
 - (d) to evaluate the delivery of services under the social security law, the family assistance law, the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* or the ABSTUDY Scheme (also known as the Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme);
 - (e) to plan for the delivery of services under the social security law, the family assistance law, the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* or the ABSTUDY Scheme (also known as the Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme).
- (6) The information is information about individuals that is:
- (a) protected information within the meaning of the *Social Security Act 1991*; or
 - (b) protected information within the meaning of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*; or
 - (c) protected information within the meaning of the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010*; or
 - (d) protected information within the meaning of the *Student Assistance Act 1973*.

Use and disclosure of aggregated information

- (7) Information in an aggregated form referred to in subsection (4) may be used for the purposes mentioned in subsection (5).
- (8) Information in an aggregated form referred to in subsection (4) may be:
- (a) disclosed to one or more persons or bodies; or
 - (b) made publicly available.