



Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 14) Determination 2020

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

Dated 28 August 2020

Anne Ruston
Minister for Families and Social Services

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 14) 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. Parts 1 and 2 and anything in this instrument not elsewhere covered by this table	The day after this instrument is registered.	31 August 2020
2. Schedule 1	25 September 2020.	25 September 2020
3. Schedule 2, Part 1	The day after this instrument is registered.	31 August 2020
4. Schedule 2, Part 2	25 September 2020.	25 September 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 the following:

- (a) section 504 of the *Social Security Act 1991*;
- (b) section 557 of the *Social Security Act 1991*;
- (c) section 646 of the *Social Security Act 1991*;
- (d) section 1210B of the *Social Security Act 1991*;
- (e) item 40A of Schedule 11 to the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020*.

4 Schedule 1—modifications

Each modification of the operation of a provision of a social security law (within the meaning of the *Social Security Act 1991*) as set out in Schedule 1 to this instrument is determined for the purposes of item 40A of Schedule 11 to the *Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020*.

5 Schedule 2—amendments

Each instrument that is specified in Schedule 2 to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in that Schedule, and any other item in that Schedule has effect according to its terms.

Part 2—COVID-19 supplement

6 COVID-19 supplement—parenting payment

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 504(3) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the initial period is extended by the period:
 - (a) beginning on 25 September 2020; and
 - (b) ending at the end of 18 December 2020.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection 504(7) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the amount of a person's COVID-19 supplement per fortnight for the extension period is:
 - (a) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that began before 25 September 2020—\$550; and
 - (b) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that begins on or after 25 September 2020—\$250.

7 COVID-19 supplement—youth allowance

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 557(3) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the initial period is extended by the period:
 - (a) beginning on 25 September 2020; and
 - (b) ending at the end of 18 December 2020.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection 557(7) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the amount of a person's COVID-19 supplement per fortnight for the extension period is:
 - (a) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that began before 25 September 2020—\$550; and
 - (b) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that begins on or after 25 September 2020—\$250.

8 COVID-19 supplement—jobseeker payment

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 646(3) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the initial period is extended by the period:
 - (a) beginning on 25 September 2020; and
 - (b) ending at the end of 18 December 2020.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection 646(7) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the amount of a person's COVID-19 supplement per fortnight for the extension period is:
 - (a) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that began before 25 September 2020—\$550; and
 - (b) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that begins on or after 25 September 2020—\$250.

Schedule 1—Modifications of the Social Security Act 1991

1 Modification of section 500Q

Subsection 500Q(6) of the *Social Security Act 1991* does not apply.

2 Modification of section 547B

Subsection 547B(2) of the *Social Security Act 1991* does not apply.

3 Modification of section 611

Subsection 611(3) of the *Social Security Act 1991* does not apply.

4 Modification of point 1067G-H1

Point 1067G-H1 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “and 1067G-H33” in step 6 of the method statement and substituting “, 1067G-H33 and 1067G-H34”.

5 Modification of point 1067G-H29

Paragraph 1067G-H29(b) of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “\$143” and substituting “\$300”.

6 Modification of point 1067G-H31

Point 1067G-H31 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “If” and substituting “Subject to point 1067G-H34, if”.

7 Modification of point 1067G-H32

- (1) Paragraph 1067G-H32(b) of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “\$80; or” and substituting “\$80.”.
- (2) Point 1067G-H32 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting paragraph (c).

8 Modification of point 1067G-H33

- (1) Paragraph 1067G-H33(b) of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “\$80; or” and substituting “\$80.”.
- (2) Point 1067G-H33 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting paragraph (c).

9 Modification of Module H of the Youth Allowance Rate Calculator in section 1067G

Module H of the Youth Allowance Rate Calculator in section 1067G of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by adding the following point at the end of the Module:

Ordinary income reduction if paragraph 1067G-H29(b) applies

1067G-H34 If paragraph 1067G-H29(b) applies to a person, the person’s ordinary income reduction is an amount equal to 60% of the person’s ordinary income excess.

10 Modification of point 1068-G1

Point 1068-G1 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “and 1068-G17” in step 10 of the method statement and substituting “, 1068-G16A and 1068-G17”.

11 Modification of point 1068-G12

Point 1068-G12 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting the point (including the notes) and substituting:

Ordinary income free area

1068-G12 In working out the rate of partner allowance or widow allowance, a person’s ordinary income free area is \$106. In working out the rate of jobseeker payment, a person’s ordinary income free area is:

- (a) \$300, unless paragraph (b) applies; or
- (b) if the person is not a member of a couple and is the principal carer of a child—\$106.

12 Modification of point 1068-G14

Point 1068-G14 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting “point 1068-G17” and substituting “points 1068-G16A and 1068-G17”.

13 Modification of Module G of Benefit Rate Calculator B in section 1068

Module G of Benefit Rate Calculator B in section 1068 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by inserting the following point after point 1068-G16:

Ordinary income reduction for recipients of jobseeker payment

1068-G16A Subject to point 1068-G17, if a person has an ordinary income excess and is receiving jobseeker payment, the person’s ordinary income reduction is an amount equal to 60% of the person’s ordinary income excess.

14 Modification of point 1068-G17

Point 1068-G17 of the *Social Security Act 1991* is varied by omitting the heading to the point.

Schedule 2—Amendments

Part 1—Amendments commencing day after registration

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1 Item 5 of Schedule 1

Omit all the words after “waiting period”, substitute “if:

- (a) any part of that period occurs during the period starting on 25 March 2020 and ending on 24 September 2020; and
- (b) the person claims youth allowance on or before 24 September 2020.

2 Item 10 of Schedule 1

Omit all the words after “waiting period”, substitute “if:

- (a) any part of that period occurs during the period starting on 25 March 2020 and ending on 24 September 2020; and
- (b) the person claims austudy payment on or before 24 September 2020.

3 Item 14 of Schedule 1

Omit all the words after “waiting period”, substitute “if:

- (a) any part of that period occurs during the period starting on 25 March 2020 and ending on 24 September 2020; and
- (b) the person claims a jobseeker payment on or before 24 September 2020.

Part 2—Amendments commencing 25 September 2020

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4 Item 8 of Schedule 1

Repeal the item.

Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 2) Determination 2020

5 Paragraphs 7(2)(a) and (b)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (a) beginning on 25 September 2020; and
- (b) ending at the end of 18 December 2020.

6 Subsection 7(3)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 1210B(1)(d) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the fortnightly amount of a person's COVID-19 supplement for the period is:
 - (a) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that began before 25 September 2020—\$550; and
 - (b) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that begins on or after 25 September 2020—\$250.

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7 Item 1 of Schedule 1

Repeal paragraph 1068-G11(b), substitute:

- (b) in relation to jobseeker payment and the period beginning on 25 September 2020 and ending at the end of 31 December 2020—27%.

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8 Paragraphs 4(2)(a) and (b)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (a) beginning on 25 September 2020; and
- (b) ending at the end of 18 December 2020.

9 Subsection 4(3)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

Schedule 2 Amendments

Part 2 Amendments commencing 25 September 2020

- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 1210B(1)(d) of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the fortnightly amount of a person’s COVID-19 supplement for the period is:
- (a) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that began before 25 September 2020—\$550; and
 - (b) in relation to an instalment period in relation to the person that begins on or after 25 September 2020—\$250.

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10 Items 4 to 9 of Schedule 1

Omit “24 September 2020” (wherever occurring), substitute “31 December 2020”.

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11 Subitem 1(1) of Schedule 2

Omit “(1)”.

12 Subitem 1(1) of Schedule 2

At the end of paragraph (2A)(d), add “until the end of 31 December 2020”.

13 Subitems 1(2) and (3) of Schedule 2

Repeal the subitems.