



ANALYSIS

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1966, No. 85

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

[20 October 1966]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act 1966, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Increasing rates of superannuation and other benefits—
 (1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Schedules, and substituting the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Schedules set out in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) This section and the Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

3. Qualifications of persons entitled to claim benefits—
 (1) Section 91 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (1), after the words “New Zealand”, the words “, or, being a New Zealand citizen over that age who is ordinarily resident in some other country or territory and who has at some previous time been ordinarily resident in New Zealand, is for the time being in New Zealand,”.

(2) Section 91 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) If any question arises as to whether or not any person is, or has been, ordinarily resident in New Zealand, or as to whether or not any person comes within any particular class for the purposes of this section, that question shall be referred to and be decided by the Minister.”

(3) Section 91 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:

“(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Part of this Act, the Minister may, in his discretion and subject to such limitations and conditions as he may specify, permit any New Zealand citizen or any class or classes of New Zealand citizens, being a person or persons not entitled pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to claim the several benefits provided for by this Part of this Act, to claim those benefits or such one or more of those benefits as the Minister may specify, and those persons shall be entitled accordingly to claim the benefit or benefits so specified as if they were ordinarily resident in New Zealand.”

4. **Milage fees**—(1) Section 94 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Where the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Finance, is satisfied that any borough or part of a borough, by virtue of its large area or its rural character or for any other material reason, is an area in respect of which milage fees should be payable under this section to any medical practitioner who provides any general medical services therein in accordance with paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 93 of this Act, the Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare the borough or any part of it to be an area in respect of which such fees shall be so payable for services so provided, subject to such limitations and conditions as are specified in the notice. Every such declaration shall have effect according to its tenor and may at any time in like manner be revoked in whole or in part or amended.”

(2) Section 93 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (b) of subsection (1) the words “, together with such milage fees as may be payable by the Department under subsection (1A) of section 94 of this Act”.

SCHEDULE

Section 2

NEW FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH,
AND NINTH SCHEDULES TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1964*(Effective on and from 18 May 1966)*

"FIRST SCHEDULE

RATES OF SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS

Section 15

1. In every case £273 a year.
 2. The rate specified in clause 1 of this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by £26 a year in any case where the beneficiary is an unmarried person:

Provided that the Commission may refuse to increase any benefit under this clause in any case where, in the opinion of the Commission, the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

"SECOND SCHEDULE

Sections 18, 19, 20

RATES OF AGE BENEFITS

1. (a) To any unmarried beneficiary £299 a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of £208 a year.
 (b) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted an age benefit or invalid's benefit in her or his own right £273 a year, diminished by 10s. for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of £208 a year.
 (c) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted a benefit in her own right £273 a year, increased by £273 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of £208 a year.
 (d) To any other married beneficiary £273 a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the amount of any benefit under Part I of this Act (other than an increase of benefit under section 69) granted to the spouse of the beneficiary in excess of £481 a year:

Provided that the rate specified in paragraph (a) of this clause may, in the discretion of the Commission, be reduced by an amount not exceeding £26 a year in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person:

Provided also that in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of any totally blind person the Commission shall take no account of the personal earnings of that person:

"SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Provided further that in any case where a beneficiary is totally blind, the rate of the age benefit, together with any benefits and allowances payable to or in respect of the wife or husband of the beneficiary, shall not be less than the aggregate rate of the benefits and allowances that would have been payable to or in respect of the beneficiary and his or her spouse if the beneficiary had been eligible for an invalid's benefit.

2. Special income exemption £6 10s. a year in respect of each year where application for age benefit deferred of deferment.
3. Additional age benefit for South African War veterans, in every case £26 a year.

Sections 21, 24

"THIRD SCHEDULE

RATES OF WIDOWS' BENEFITS

1. To a beneficiary without dependent children £299 a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of £208 a year.
2. To a beneficiary with one or more dependent children £299 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by a mother's allowance not exceeding the appropriate rate specified in clause 3 of this Schedule, and diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of £312 a year.
3. Additional mother's allowance to a beneficiary—
 - (a) On account of first or only dependent child £208 a year.
 - (b) On account of each additional dependent child after the first £26 a year.
4. The rates specified in clauses 1 and 2 of this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be reduced by an amount not exceeding £26 a year in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

Section 29

"FOURTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATE OF ORPHANS' BENEFITS

- In every case £149 10s. a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the annual income of the orphan in excess of £52 a year.

"SIXTH SCHEDULE

Sections 42, 43

RATES OF INVALIDS' BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years £260 a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of £208 a year.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary £299 a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of £208 a year.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted an age benefit or invalid's benefit in her or his own right £273 a year, diminished by 10s. for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of £208 a year.
- (d) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted a benefit in her own right £273 a year, increased by £273 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of £208 a year.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary £273 a year, diminished by £1 for every complete £1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the amount of any benefit under Part I of this Act (other than an increase under section 69 of this Act) granted to the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of £481 a year:

Provided that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause may, in the discretion of the Commission, be reduced by an amount not exceeding £26 a year in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person:

Provided also that in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of any totally blind person, the Commission shall take no account of the personal earnings of that person.

2. Maximum amount from all sources where subsidy paid on earnings of blind invalid, in every case £637 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by £26 a year where the beneficiary is an unmarried person.

Sections 49, 53

"SEVENTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF MINERS' BENEFITS AND MINERS' WIDOWS' BENEFITS

1. (a) To a married miner £273 a year, increased by £273 a year in respect of his wife.
 (b) In any other case £299 a year.
2. To a miner's widow £266 10s. a year.
3. The rates specified in paragraph (b) of clause 1 and clause 2 of this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be reduced by an amount not exceeding £26 a year in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

Section 55

"EIGHTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF SICKNESS BENEFIT

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years without dependants £4 10s. a week, diminished by 1s. for every complete 1s. of the weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of £4 a week.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary £5 15s. a week, diminished by 1s. for every complete 1s. of the weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of £4 a week.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary £5 5s. a week, increased by £5 5s. a week in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by 1s. for every complete 1s. of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of £4 a week.
- (d) To a married female beneficiary £5 5s. a week, diminished by 1s. for every complete 1s. of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and her husband (including the amount of any benefit under Part I of this Act received by the husband) in excess of £9 5s. a week:

Provided that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause may, in the discretion of the Commission, be reduced by an amount not exceeding 10s. a week in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

2. Maximum increase in respect of housekeeper. £4 15s. a week.

"NINTH SCHEDULE

Section 59

MAXIMUM RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years without dependants £4 10s. a week.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary £5 15s. a week.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary £5 5s. a week, increased by £5 5s. a week in respect of his wife.
- (d) To a married female beneficiary £5 5s. a week:

Provided that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause may, in the discretion of the Commission, be reduced by an amount not exceeding 10s. a week in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper £4 15s. a week."

This Act is administered in the Social Security Department.
