



ANALYSIS

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1971, No. 8

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

[6 September 1971

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 1971, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Emergency benefits—(1) Section 61 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (1), after the word “discretion” where it first occurs, the words “and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit to impose”.

(2) The said section 61 is hereby further amended by inserting in subsection (3), after the word “period”, the words “and subject to such conditions”.

3. Repealing provisions relating to adjustment for income tax—(1) Section 65 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9th day of June 1971.

4. Fees for general medical services in respect of social security beneficiaries, etc.—(1) Subsection (1A) of section 93 of the principal Act (as inserted by section 10 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1969) is hereby amended by inserting in paragraph (b), after the words “child of a veteran,”, the words “a war service pension as a serviceman or the wife, widow, or child of a serviceman.”

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April 1971.

5. Increasing rates of benefits—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the First to Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Schedules (as substituted by section 4 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1970), and substituting the First to Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Schedules set out in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) Sections 3 and 4 of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1970 and the First and Second Schedules to that Act are hereby repealed.

(3) This section and the Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9th day of June 1971.

SCHEDULE

Section 5 (1)

NEW FIRST TO TENTH, TWELFTH, FOURTEENTH, AND FIFTEENTH SCHEDULES TO PRINCIPAL ACT

(Effective on and after 9 June 1971)

“FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 15

RATES OF SUPERANNUATION BENEFITS

1. In every case .. \$754 a year.
2. The rate specified in clause 1 of this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by \$78 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.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Sections 18, 19, 20

“SECOND SCHEDULE

RATES OF AGE BENEFITS

1. (a) To any unmarried beneficiary \$832 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$676 a year.
- (b) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than a superannuation benefit) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$754 a year, diminished by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$676 a year.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted, in her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$754 a year, increased by \$754 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$676 a year.
- (d) To any other married beneficiary \$754 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the amount of any superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act granted to the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$1,430 a year:
 Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of the age benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of age benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive an age benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$754 a year:

SCHEDULE—*continued*"SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

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 \$78 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:

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 where application for age benefit deferred \$13 a year in respect of each year of deferment.
3. Additional age benefit for South African war veterans, in every case \$52 a year.

"THIRD SCHEDULE

Sections 21, 24

RATES OF WIDOWS' BENEFITS

1. To a beneficiary without dependent children \$832 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$676 a year.
2. To a beneficiary with one or more dependent children \$832 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 \$3 for every complete \$4 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year.
3. Additional mother's allowance to a beneficiary—
 - (a) On account of first or only dependent child \$676 a year.
 - (b) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$78 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 \$78 a year in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Section 29

"FOURTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF ORPHANS' BENEFITS

In every case \$468 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the annual income of the orphan in excess of \$104 a year.

Section 34

"FIFTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF FAMILY BENEFITS

In respect of each child . . . \$1.50 a week.

Sections 42, 43

"SIXTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF INVALIDS' BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years \$728 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$676 a year.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$832 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$676 a year.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than a superannuation benefit) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$754 a year, diminished by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$676 a year.
- (d) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted, in her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$754 a year, increased by \$754 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$676 a year.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary \$754 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, including the

SCHEDULE—*continued*“SIXTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (e) To any other married beneficiary—*continued* amount of any superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act granted to the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$1,430 a year:

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a superannuation benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of the invalid's benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of invalids' benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive an invalid's benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$754 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 \$78 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 \$1,742 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by \$78 a year where the beneficiary is an unmarried person.

“SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 49, 53

RATES OF MINERS' BENEFITS AND MINERS' WIDOWS' BENEFITS

1. (a) To a married miner ... \$754 a year, increased by \$754 a year in respect of his wife.
- (b) In any other case ... \$832 a year.
2. To a miner's widow ... \$754 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 \$78 a year in any case where the Commission is satisfied that the beneficiary is sharing household expenses with any other person.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

Section 55

"EIGHTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years without dependants \$13 a week, diminished by 15c for every complete 20c of the weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$13 a week.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$16 a week, diminished by 15c for every complete 20c of the weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$13 a week.
- (c) To a married male beneficiary \$14.50 a week, increased by \$14.50 a week in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by 15c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$13 a week.
- (d) To a married female beneficiary \$14.50 a week, diminished by 15c for every complete 20c 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 \$27.50 a week:

Provided that, if the husband of the beneficiary is not in receipt of a benefit under Part I of this Act, the rate of sickness benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the rate of sickness benefit that would be payable to a married male beneficiary under paragraph (c) of this clause, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$14.50 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 \$1.50 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. \$13 a week.

SCHEDULE—*continued*

"NINTH SCHEDULE

Section 59

MAXIMUM RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary \$13 a week.
under the age of 20 years
without dependants
- (b) To any other unmarried bene- \$16 a week.
ficiary
- (c) To a married male beneficiary \$14.50 a week, increased by \$14.50
a week in respect of his wife.
- (d) To a married female bene- \$14.50 a week:
ficiary

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 \$1.50 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 \$13 a week.
a housekeeper

"TENTH SCHEDULE

Section 66

SPECIAL INCOME EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF SICK BENEFITS FROM FRIENDLY OR LIKE SOCIETY (AGE, INVALIDS', WIDOWS', AND SICKNESS BENEFITS ONLY)

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| Maximum rate | | | \$2 a week in the case of a sickness benefit, and \$104 a year in any other case. |
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"TWELFTH SCHEDULE

Section 69

MAXIMUM INCREASE IN RATE OF BENEFIT PAYABLE TO PARENT OF DECEASED MEMBER OF FORCES OR MERCANTILE MARINE

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| Maximum rate | | | \$1 a week. |
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"FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

Section 61A

MAXIMUM RATES OF FAMILY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES

1. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable otherwise than by weekly instalments, or an age or invalid's benefit—
 - (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$676 a year.
 - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$78 a year.

SCHEDULE—*continued*“FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (b) At the rate payable to a married beneficiary—
- (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$156 a year.
 - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$78 a year.
2. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable by weekly instalments, or a sickness or unemployment benefit—
- (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$13 a week.
 - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$1.50 a week.
 - (b) At a rate payable to a married beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$3 a week.
 - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$1.50 a week.

Section 124 (4)

“FIFTEENTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF REHABILITATION ALLOWANCES

- 1. (a) To any unmarried disabled person under the age of 20 years, without dependants \$6 a week.
 - (b) To any other disabled person \$8 a week.
2. If a disabled person is in receipt of a benefit under Part I of this Act or if his or her spouse (if any) is in receipt of such a benefit, the maximum amount that may be received by the disabled person and his or her spouse (if any) from all sources (including a rehabilitation allowance and any such benefit) shall not exceed—
- (a) In the case of any unmarried disabled person under the age of 20 years, without dependants \$27 a week.

SCHEDULE—*continued*“FIFTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

(b) In the case of any other \$29 a week.
unmarried disabled person

(c) In the case of a married \$42 a week:
disabled person

Provided that the amounts specified in this clause may be increased by the amount of any mother's allowance or family maintenance allowance being paid to the disabled person.”

This Act is administered in the Social Security Department.