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1977, No. 133

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

[23 December 1977]

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 (No. 2) 1977, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

PART I

MONETARY BENEFITS

2. Interpretation—Section 3 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in paragraph (c) of the definition of the term “income”, after the words “war veterans’ allowance”, the words “or a war service pension”.

3. Commission to comply with directions—(1) Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(2) In the exercise of its powers, functions, and discretions under this Act the Commission shall comply with any general or special directions given to it in writing by the Minister. As soon as practicable after giving any such direction, the Minister shall publish in the *Gazette* and lay before Parliament a copy of the direction.”

(2) Section 4 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(2) In the exercise of its powers, functions, and discretions under this Act the Commission shall comply with any general or special directions given to it in writing by the Minister. As soon as practicable after giving any such direction, the Minister shall publish in the *Gazette* and lay before Parliament a copy of the direction.”

4. Special provisions in respect of married couples where one spouse not entitled to national superannuation—

(1) Section 16 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 4 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “spouse is not”, the word “otherwise”.

(2) The said section 16 is hereby further amended by adding the following subsections:

“(2) National superannuation paid under this section may, in the discretion of the Commission, be apportioned equally between the spouse entitled to receive it and the spouse not otherwise so entitled.

“(3) In any case where national superannuation is apportioned under subsection (2) of this section, that portion payable to the spouse not otherwise entitled to national superannuation shall be deemed to be the income of that spouse for the purposes of the Income Tax Act 1976.”

(3) This section shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1978.

5. Domestic purposes benefit for solo parents—(1) Section 27B (2) (b) of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the word “; and”.

(2) Section 27B (2) of the principal Act is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:

“(c) Except in the case of a person qualifying as an applicant under subsection (1) (e) of this section, the applicant has obtained a maintenance order for the applicant and the applicant’s child or children (other than an interim maintenance order) or has entered into and registered a maintenance agreement which, in the opinion of the Commission, makes reasonable provision for the maintenance of the applicant and the applicant’s child or children:

“Provided that the Commission may, in its discretion, waive compliance with the requirements of this paragraph if in its opinion the applicant has taken all reasonable steps to obtain such a maintenance order or agreement.”

(3) The said section 27B is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (4).

6. Domestic purposes benefit for women alone—(1) Section 27c of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, a woman alone with no dependent children shall be entitled to receive a domestic purposes benefit if—

“(a) She has had the care and control of one or more dependent children for not less than 15 years and ceased to have the care and control of such child or children after she had attained the age of 50 years; or

“(b) She has had one or more children and the aggregate

of the periods of the duration of her marriage or marriages and any subsequent period during which she had the care and control of at least one of her dependent children was not less than 15 years, and she ceased to have the care and control of such a child after she had attained the age of 50 years; or

“(c) She was married for not less than 5 years and lost the support of her husband after she had attained the age of 50 years; or

“(d) She had the responsibility for the full-time care and attention of an incapacitated relative for not less than 5 years and ceased to have responsibility for the said relative after she had attained the age of 50 years.”

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, if any person was, immediately before the commencement of this section, in receipt of a domestic purposes benefit under section 27c of the principal Act, the Commission may, in its discretion, continue to pay the benefit as if this section had not been enacted.

(3) This section shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1978.

7. Special provisions as to maintenance—(1) Section 27F (4) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “The Commission shall also give notice of the granting of the benefit to”, the words “the person against whom the maintenance order was made and to”.

(2) The said section 27F (4) is hereby further amended by adding the words “If the whereabouts of the person against whom the order was made are not known, notice of the granting of the benefit shall be sent to his last known address”.

8. Orphans’ benefits—Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) In this section, the term ‘parent’ includes a step-parent.”

9. Advance payment of family benefit—(1) Section 36 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from paragraph (a) the words “3 months”, and substituting the words “6 months”:

(b) By omitting from paragraph (b) the words “3 months”, and substituting the words “6 months”:

(c) By omitting from paragraph (c) the words “3 months”, and substituting the words “6 months”.

(2) The said section 36 is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) For the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section—

“(a) The expression ‘first child’ includes a child placed for adoption under the Adoption Act 1955 but does not include a stepchild:

“(b) The Commission, in determining whether any child is a first child, shall disregard any previous child who died within 31 days of birth or who had been placed under the care and control of some person other than the mother within 31 days of birth.”

10. Miners’ widows’ benefit—Section 53 (2) of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

11. Sickness benefit for a married person—Section 54A of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(5) In determining, for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, whether any person has been in full-time employment for a period of not less than 12 months, the Commission may, in its discretion, disregard any period during which that person is or has been temporarily absent from employment because of sickness or other good reason.”

12. Commission may fix special entitlement—Section 61G of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 61E and 61F of this Act, the Commission may, in its discretion, refuse to grant an additional benefit or terminate or reduce any additional benefit already granted if the Commission is satisfied that the applicant has not realised any assets not required for his personal use.”

13. Special provisions in respect of earnings related compensation—(1) Section 71A (1) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 21 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended—

- (a) By inserting in paragraph (a), after the word “widow’s,”, the words “domestic purposes,”:
- (b) By inserting in paragraph (b), after the word “widow’s,”, the words “domestic purposes,”.
- (2) Section 71A (2) of the principal Act (as so inserted) is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “widow’s,”, the words “domestic purposes,”.

14. Limitation where applicant receiving another benefit or war pension—Section 72 (c) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting the word “wife” wherever it occurs, and substituting in each case the word “spouse”:
- (b) By inserting, after the word “her”, the words “or his”.

15. Limitation in certain other cases—Section 74 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “may terminate”, the words “or reduce”.

16. Forfeiture of instalments of benefit during detention in penal institution—Section 76 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(3) For the purposes of this section, the Commission may in its discretion regard as a period of detention in a penal institution any period during which a person is a patient in a hospital within the meaning of section 75 (1) of this Act while serving a sentence of imprisonment, preventive detention, or borstal training.”

17. Apportionment of benefit between spouses—The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 83, and substituting the following section:

“83. Subject to sections 15 (2) and 16 (2) of this Act, where a person is granted a benefit in respect of the beneficiary and his or her spouse, the benefit shall, in the discretion of the Commission, be paid to the beneficiary personally or be allotted in such proportions as the Commission determines between the beneficiary and his or her spouse.”

18. Payment of benefit not to restrict right to maintenance—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 84, the following section:

“84A. The payment of a benefit under this Part of this Act shall not operate so as to take away or restrict any liability imposed by the Domestic Proceedings Act 1968 or any

other Act on any person for the maintenance of any other person, or so as to affect the power of a Court to make any maintenance order under that Act or any other Act.”

19. Increasing rates of benefits in respect of period 12 January 1977 to 26 July 1977—(1) In respect of the period commencing on the 12th day of January 1977 and ending with the 26th day of July 1977, the principal Act shall have effect as if each provision of that Act specified in the first column of the First Schedule to this Act had been amended by omitting every expression set out in the second column of that Schedule opposite the reference to that provision, wherever that expression occurs, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column of that Schedule.

(2) This section and the First Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 12th day of January 1977.

20. Increasing rates of benefits on and after 27 July 1977—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the Third to Tenth, Twelfth, and Fifteenth to Nineteenth Schedules (as substituted by section 31 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976), the Fourteenth Schedule (as substituted by section 12 (3) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976), and the Twentieth Schedule (as added by section 17 (7) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976), and substituting the Third to Tenth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth to Twentieth Schedules set out in the Second Schedule to this Act.

(2) Sections 12 (3), 17 (7), 30, 31, and 32 of, and the First to Fourth Schedules to, the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 are hereby repealed.

(3) This section and the Second Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 27th day of July 1977.

21. Authority to increase rate of benefits—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the Commission may, in accordance with any general or special instructions given by the Minister, in respect of the period commencing on the 1st day of December 1976 and ending with the 31st day of December 1976, increase the rate of any benefit under the principal Act by an amount not exceeding the rate of that benefit payable in respect of any one week in that period.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of December 1976.

22. Authority to increase rates of benefits for children—

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act or in the War Pensions Act 1954, the Commission may, in accordance with any general or special instructions given by the Minister, increase the rate of any family benefit or orphan's benefit payable under the principal Act, or any war pension payable in respect of a child under the War Pensions Act 1954, by an amount not exceeding \$25 in respect of each dependent child if such benefit or pension is payable in respect of any part of the period commencing on the 16th day of November 1977 and ending with the 13th day of December 1977.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 16th day of November 1977.

23. Amending Social Security Amendment Act 1976—

(1) Section 4 (5) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby amended by omitting the expression "1976", and substituting the expression "1977".

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9th day of February 1977.

PART II

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS AND OTHER RELATED BENEFITS

24. Fees for general medical services—(1) Section 93 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from paragraph (b) the word "mileage", and substituting the word "travelling":

(b) By omitting from paragraph (c) the word "mileage", and substituting the word "travelling".

(2) Section 93 (1A) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By inserting in paragraph (b), after the word "Act", the words "other than a child in respect of whom a family benefit is being paid":

(b) By omitting from paragraph (c) the words "widow, or child" in both places where they occur, and substituting in each case the words "or widow".

(3) The said section 93 (1A) is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (f), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(f) Is the wife of a person referred to in paragraph (e) of this subsection; or”.

(4) Section 93 (1A) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “mileage”, and substituting the word “travelling”.

(5) The said section 93 is hereby further amended by inserting, after subsection (1A), the following subsection:

“(1B) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) of this section, if a medical practitioner provides any general medical services for a patient who is—

“(a) A child in respect of whom a family benefit is being paid; or

“(b) A child in respect of whom a family benefit would be paid under Part I of this Act if the Commission were satisfied that the child is likely to remain permanently in New Zealand—

the medical practitioner shall be entitled to receive from the Department, instead of the fee prescribed in subsection (1) of this section,—

“(c) For every occasion on which any such services are provided at the medical practitioner’s surgery or place of residence, a reasonable fee not exceeding \$4.75:

“(d) For every other occasion on which any such services are provided, a reasonable fee not exceeding \$6 together with such travelling fees, if any, as the medical practitioner would be entitled to receive if subsection (1) of this section applied.”

(6) This section shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1978.

25. Additional fees for general medical services on public holidays and at night—(1) Section 93A (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (c), the following paragraph:

“(ca) Two dollars and twenty-five cents in the case of services provided for a child to whom section 93 (1B) of this Act applies if the services are provided at the medical practitioner’s surgery or place of residence, or \$2 if they are provided elsewhere.”

(2) This section shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1978.

26. Travelling fees—(1) Section 94 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “mileage”, and substituting the word “travelling”.

(2) Section 94 (1A) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “mileage”, and substituting the word “travelling”.

(3) The said section 94 is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, travelling fees shall be computed in respect of every journey made by the medical practitioner to any place or places for the purpose of providing the services, and shall be computed at such rate as may be fixed from time to time by the Governor-General by Order in Council, such rate to be for every kilometre or part of a kilometre of the distance necessarily travelled by him in going from his surgery or place of residence to that place or those places and in returning to his surgery or place of residence.”

(4) This section shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1978.

27. Specialist medical services—(1) Section 97 (3) of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b), and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) In respect of the first occasion on which the services were provided—

“(i) Twenty dollars, if the services (other than an electrocardiogram only) were provided by a specialist physician, psychiatrist, neurologist, neurosurgeon, or paediatrician; or

“(ii) Ten dollars, if the services were provided by any other type of specialist for a child in respect of whom a family benefit is being paid or would be paid if the Commission were satisfied that the child is likely to remain permanently in New Zealand, or if the services consisted of an electrocardiogram only and were provided by a specialist of a type referred to in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for such a child; or

“(iii) Five dollars, if the services were provided by any other type of specialist for any person other than a child to whom subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph applies, or if the services consisted of

an electrocardiogram only and were provided by a specialist of a type referred to in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for such a person; and

“(b) Four dollars and seventy-five cents in respect of each subsequent occasion (related to the first occasion) on which the services were provided for a child to whom paragraph (a) (ii) of this subsection applies; or

“(c) One dollar and twenty-five cents in respect of each subsequent occasion (related to the first occasion) on which the services were provided for a person other than a child to whom the said subparagraph (ii) applies.”

(2) The said section 97 is hereby further amended by inserting, after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“(5A) If any child for whom any specialist medical services have been provided is a child in respect of whom a family benefit is being paid or would be paid if the Commission were satisfied that the child is likely to remain permanently in New Zealand, the reference in subsection (4) of this section to \$1.25 shall be read as a reference to \$4.75.”

(3) Section 34 (a) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(4) This section shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1978.

28. Miscellaneous purposes for which money may be expended by Department—Section 118 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

“(f) The making of grants to any institution or body of persons (whether incorporated or not) for the purposes of postgraduate medical education for registered medical practitioners.”

PART III

GENERAL PROVISIONS

29. Offences—Section 127 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “obtaining” in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the words “receiving or continuing to receive”.

SCHEDULES

Section 19 (1)

FIRST SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN
RESPECT OF PERIOD 12 JANUARY 1977 TO 26 JULY 1977

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted	Expressions Substituted
Third Schedule—	\$	\$
Clause 1	1,883.44	1,996.80
Clause 2	1,883.44	1,996.80
Fourth Schedule	943.80	998.40
Sixth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	1,437.80	1,523.60
Clause 1 (b)	1,883.44	1,996.80
Clause 1 (c)	1,569.36	1,664
Clause 1 (d)	1,569.36	1,664
Clause 1 (e)	1,569.36	1,664
	2,453.36	2,548
	2,869.36	2,964
Clause 2	2,765.36	2,860
	314.08	332.80
Seventh Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	1,569.36	1,664
Clause 1 (b)	1,883.44	1,996.80
Clause 2	1,800.24	1,913.60
Eighth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	27.65	29.30
Clause 1 (b)	36.22	38.40
Clause 1 (c)	30.18	32
Clause 1 (d)	30.18	32
	47.18	49
	55.18	57
Clause 1 (e)	30.18	32
Clause 2	24.14	25.60
Ninth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	27.65	29.30
Clause 1 (b)	36.22	38.40
Clause 1 (c)	30.18	32
Clause 1 (d)	30.18	32
Clause 2	24.14	25.60
Fourteenth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a) (i)	1,099.28	1,175.20
Clause 2 (a) (i)	21.14	22.60
Sixteenth Schedule—		
Clause 1	1,437.80	1,523.60
Clause 2	1,883.44	1,996.80
Clause 3	1,883.44	1,996.80
Seventeenth Schedule—		
Clause 1	1,437.80	1,523.60
Clause 2	1,883.44	1,996.80
Clause 3	1,569.36	1,664
Clause 4	1,569.36	1,664
	2,453.36	2,548
	2,869.36	2,964

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 20 (1)

NEW THIRD TO TENTH, TWELFTH, AND FOURTEENTH TO TWENTIETH SCHEDULES TO PRINCIPAL ACT

(Effective on and after 27 July 1977)

“THIRD SCHEDULE

Sections 21, 24

RATES OF WIDOWS’ BENEFITS

1. To a beneficiary without dependent children \$2,147.60 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of her total annual income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
2. To a beneficiary with 1 or more dependent children \$2,147.60 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, and diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,092 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of her total annual income in excess of \$1,300 a year.

“FOURTH SCHEDULE

Section 29

MAXIMUM RATES OF ORPHANS’ BENEFITS

- In every case \$1,071.20 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the orphan in excess of \$260 a year.

“FIFTH SCHEDULE

Section 34

RATES OF FAMILY BENEFITS

- In respect of each child .. \$3 a week.

“SIXTH SCHEDULE

Sections 42, 43

RATES OF INVALIDS’ BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years \$1,638 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$2,147.60 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in

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

- excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,789.84 a year, diminished by 50c for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 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 \$1,789.84 a year, increased by \$1,789.84 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary \$1,789.84 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year:
- Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of national superannuation 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 invalid's 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 \$1,789.84 a year:

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

Provided that, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

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 the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum amount from all sources where subsidy paid on earnings of blind invalid, in every case \$2,985.84 a year, increased by \$357.76 a year if 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 . . . \$1,789.84 a year increased by \$1,789.84 a year in respect of his wife.
 (b) In any other case . . . \$2,147.60 a year.
 2. To a miner’s widow . . . \$2,064.40 a year.

 “EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Sections 54A (3), 55

RATES OF SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years without dependants \$31.50 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week.
 (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$41.30 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week.

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

- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted in her or his own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$34.42 a week, diminished by 5c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and her or his spouse in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 40c of such income in excess of \$25 a week.
- (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 \$34.42 a week, increased by \$34.42 a week in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$25 a week.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary except as provided in paragraph (f) of this clause \$34.42 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$25 a week:
- Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of national superannuation under Part I of this Act, the rate of the sickness benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of sickness benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive a sickness benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$34.42 a week.

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

- (f) To a married person under section 54A \$34.42 a week, diminished by 10c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$17 a week but not in excess of \$25 a week, and by 15c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$25 a week:

Provided that, for the purposes of paragraphs (a) to (e) of this clause, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act.

2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper \$27.54 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 \$31.50 a week.
 (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$41.30 a week.
 (c) To a married male beneficiary \$34.42 a week, increased by \$34.42 a week in respect of his wife.
 (d) To a married female beneficiary \$34.42 a week:

Provided that, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper \$27.54 a week.

"TENTH SCHEDULE

Section 66

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

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

"TWELFTH SCHEDULE

Section 69

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

Maximum rate \$1 a week.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Section 61A

“FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

1. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable otherwise than by weekly instalments, or a widow's, domestic purposes, or invalid's benefit—
 - (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$1,276.08 a year.
 - (ii) On account of second dependent child \$156 a year.
 - (iii) On account of each additional dependent child after the second \$65 a year.
 - (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 \$65 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 \$24.54 a week.
 - (ii) On account of second dependent child \$3 a week.
 - (iii) On account of each additional dependent child after the second \$1.25 a week.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*‘FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

- (b) At the 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 \$1.25 a week.
3. To a married person receiving national superannuation and who qualifies for an additional amount for dependent children under section 61A of this Act—
- (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$156 a year.
- (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$65 a year.

‘FIFTEENTH SCHEDULE

Section 124 (4)

MAXIMUM RATE OF REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE

To any disabled person \$10 a week.

‘SIXTEENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 27B, 27C,
and 27H

RATES OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFITS

1. To a beneficiary under the age of 18 years without dependent children \$1,638 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
2. To any other beneficiary without dependent children \$2,147.60 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.

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

3. To a beneficiary with 1 or more dependent children \$2,147.60 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, and diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,092 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.

Sections 27G and 27H "SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFITS

1. To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years \$1,638 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
2. To any other unmarried beneficiary \$2,147.60 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year.
3. To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted in her or his own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$1,789.84 a year, diminished by 50c for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$884 a year but not in excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$1.50 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year.
4. To any other married beneficiary \$1,789.84 a year, diminished by \$1 for every complete \$2 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary in excess of \$884 a year but not in

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*“SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

excess of \$1,300 a year, and by \$3 for every complete \$4 of such income in excess of \$1,300 a year:

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of national superannuation under Part I of this Act, the rate of the domestic purposes benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of domestic purposes benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive a domestic purposes benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$1,789.84 a year.

 “EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE Sections 61E and 61F

RATES OF ADDITIONAL BENEFIT

1. To any unmarried person without a dependent child or children \$6 a week, diminished by 50c a week in respect of each \$1 a week, or part thereof, of the applicant's income in excess of \$1 a week, and further diminished by 50c a week in respect of each \$100, or part thereof, of the applicant's cash assets in excess of \$100:

Provided that the rate of additional benefit shall be increased by half the amount by which the applicant's weekly rent, or weekly outgoings on any property occupied by him as a home, exceeds \$6 a week, or by half the amount by which his board payments exceed \$15 a week, but not in any case by more than \$6 a week:

Provided also that the rate of additional benefit may, in the discretion of the Commission, be further increased by up to \$2 a week if the applicant has essential and regular commitments of an exceptional nature which, in the opinion of the Commission, could not reasonably be expected to be met otherwise than by an additional benefit granted under this proviso.

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*“EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

2. To any married couple or solo parent with a dependent child or children \$10 a week, diminished by \$1 a week in respect of each \$2 a week, or part thereof, of the married couple's or solo parent's income in excess of \$2 a week, and further diminished by \$1 a week in respect of each \$200, or part thereof, of the married couple's or solo parent's cash assets in excess of \$200:

Provided that the rate of the additional benefit shall be increased by half the amount by which the couple's or solo parent's weekly rent, or weekly outgoings on any property occupied by the applicant as a home, exceed \$6 a week, or by half the amount by which the couple's or solo parent's board payments exceed \$25 a week, but not in any case by more than \$6 a week:

Provided also that the rate of additional benefit may, in the discretion of the Commission, be further increased by up to \$2 a week if the couple or solo parent has essential and regular commitments of an exceptional nature which, in the opinion of the Commission, could not reasonably be expected to be met otherwise than by an additional benefit granted under this proviso.

Section 69c

“NINETEENTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATE OF DISABILITY ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO A
DISABLED PERSON

Maximum rate	\$8 a week.
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Sections 69A and 69B

“TWENTIETH SCHEDULE

TELEPHONE-RENTAL AND TELEVISION-LICENCE-FEE CONCESSIONS (LIMITS
OF INCOME FOR PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION)

Persons in receipt of national superannuation shall not be eligible for a telephone-rental concession or a television-licence-fee concession unless their income, including national superannuation, is less than—

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*“TWENTIETH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (a) For an unmarried person without a dependent child or children \$3,156 a year.
- (b) For an unmarried person with—
- (i) One dependent child \$4,372 a year.
 - (ii) Two dependent children \$4,580 a year.
 - (iii) Three or more dependent children \$4,664 a year, increased by \$88 a year for each dependent child after the third.
- (c) For a married couple, both or either of whom are or is in receipt of national superannuation, without a dependent child or children \$4,580 a year.
- (d) For a married couple both or either of whom are or is in receipt of national superannuation, with—
- (i) One dependent child \$4,788 a year.
 - (ii) Two dependent children \$4,872 a year.
 - (iii) Three or more dependent children \$4,960 a year, increased by \$88 a year for each dependent child after the third.”
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This Act is administered in the Department of Social Welfare.
