

Special Ministerial Direction

IN THE MATTER of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964:
To: The Social Security Commission.

I, Margaret Ann Hercus, Her Majesty's Minister of Social Welfare direct you pursuant to the powers vested in me by section 4 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964 as follows:

1. That the Special Ministerial Direction of the Minister of Social Welfare given on 3 September 1983 relating to section 10 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1963 is hereby withdrawn.

2. That it is the policy of Her Majesty's Government that those of Her Majesty's subjects who have low incomes and modest means shall have priority of access to public funds available for housing.

3. That in furtherance of that policy when you are required to take into consideration, pursuant to section 10 of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964, the income and assets of applicants for a certificate of eligibility under that Act, or the spouse of such applicant as the case may be, you shall apply the following income and assets and needs test and, if the affairs of that applicant, or the spouse of that applicant as the case may be, fail to come within its prescription, you shall take it that that applicant, or the spouse of that applicant as the case may be, can reasonably be expected to arrange finance from another source within the terms of section 10 (1) (b) (ii) of the Family Benefits (Home Ownership) Act 1964.

4. That the income assets and needs test to be applied is as follows:

(a) "Chargeable income" means the total gross income for the period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of application divided by 52 together with the earnings of the applicant and the spouse of the applicant except the personal earnings of the wife in a family where both the husband and wife have earnings.

(b) Any income, including overtime, which has ceased at the time of application be disregarded by applying the same policy as operates for social security benefits in terms of section 64 (3) of the Social Security Act.

(c) (i) Except for seasonal workers "earnings" means the weekly average of wages or salary and other periodic emoluments including all supplementary taxable payments paid during the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of application or the actual weekly wage, salary or other periodic emolument, including all supplementary taxable payments and overtime payments paid at the time of application whichever is the greater.

(ii) For seasonal workers "earnings" means the total amount of wages salary or other periodic emoluments including all supplementary taxable payments and overtime payments paid during the 12 month period immediately preceding the date of application divided by 52.

(d) The following circumstances shall be a "special housing" need:

(i) Where the present housing is inadequate and there is a need for other housing, e.g. too small for the needs of the family, derelict, etc.;

(ii) Where the present housing is damp or where there is medical evidence that it is causing a health hazard;

(iii) Where the family is required to vacate the property for reasons other than non-payment of rent;

(iv) Where failure to purchase the property currently occupied would result in loss of accommodation;

(v) Where a State Rental house, Government pool house or departmental house will be vacated by the family following the purchase of other accommodation; and

(vi) Where the rental paid by the family exceeds 25 percent of the gross chargeable income of the family including overtime and allowances.

(e) The following circumstances shall be "special circumstances":

(i) Medical grounds;

(ii) Large family overcrowded;

(iii) Family forced to vacate present house.

(f) (i) The limit for chargeable income for a family with one child shall be \$275 per week, increased by \$25 per week for each additional child;

(ii) Where there is a special housing need the limit for chargeable income shall be increased by \$10 per week.

(iii) Where there are special circumstances the limit for chargeable income shall be increased by \$20 per week.

(g) (i) The limit for the value of assets including, where relevant, the land on which it is proposed to build the house, owned by a family with one child shall be \$20,000 increased by \$1,000 for each additional child.

(ii) Where there is a special housing need the limit for the value of assets owned shall be increased by \$3,000.

Given under my hand this 21st day of November 1984.

ANN HERCUS, Minister of Social Welfare.

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1985 Hop Levy (Notice No. 3418; Ag. 4/54/13)

PURSUANT to regulation 16A of the Hop Marketing Regulations 1939, the rate of annual levy to be paid by hop growers to the Hop Marketing Committee in respect of hops produced during the year ending on the 31st day of July 1985 is hereby fixed at 3c/kg.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of December 1984.

COLIN MOYLE, Minister of Agriculture.

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*Fees Payable for Veterinary Inspection, Testing, and Certification
of Livestock for Export
(Notice No. 3417, Ag. 18/12/1/7 FMG)*

IT is hereby notified for public information that on and after the 1st day of February 1985 there shall be payable on the veterinary inspection, testing, and certification of the several classes of stock, poultry, fish, etc., mentioned in the Schedule hereto, the respective fees as set out in the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE

(a) For all types of animals, including ova and semen donors, but excluding domestic pets, fish and crayfish:

(i) A charge of \$22.15 per hour for time spent by veterinary officers employed by or on contract to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in inspection, testing, and certification of stock for export;

(ii) A charge of \$12.32 per hour for time spent by livestock officers employed by or on contract to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in inspection, testing, and certification of stock for export;

(iii) A charge of 33c per km from headquarters to point of examination and return for inspecting officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Charges in (i) and (iii) are made for all inspections except for reinspection at the port of embarkation.

(iv) A charge of \$8.90 per animal per visit for standard diagnostic tests, including screening tests undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Where other than standard testing is required which may be undertaken either by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries or at their request by an overseas veterinary diagnostic institution the actual cost incurred in undertaking or arranging the testing will be charged.

(v) A charge of \$13 for every original certificate issued; and
(vi) A charge of \$1 per copy of every copy after the fourth for each certificate issued.

(b) For all domestic pets the following fees shall be payable in respect of certification for export:

For one animal: \$18

For each additional animal the property of the same owner and examined at the same time: \$6

(c) Fish and crayfish:

(i) For each original consignment covering whole consignment: \$28.

(ii) When separate certificates are required for each package, cask, or parcel included in any one consignment, a fee of \$3 shall be payable for each 10 or portion of 10 such certificates.

(d) Animal for the purpose of this notice is defined as inclusive of all types of livestock, including horses, cattle, swine, sheep, deer, goats, rabbits, poultry and other birds, and circus and other groups of performing animals including those in (a).

Dated at Wellington this 13th day of December 1984.

COLIN MOYLE, Minister of Agriculture.

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*Fees Payable for Soil Testing Services, Notice Number (3416)
18/12/1/22 FMG*

IT is hereby notified for public information that on and after 1 February 1985 there shall be payable for soil testing services provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries the respective fees as set out in the said Schedule.

SCHEDULE

(a) Samples taken by Ministry officers:

(i) Basic test: \$16.50 per sample.

(ii) Other tests: \$2.20 each test per sample.