

Notice Under the Social Security Act 2018

Pursuant to section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018, notice is given of the making of the following instrument by the Minister for Social Development.

<i>Authority for Instrument</i>	<i>Title or Subject Matter</i>	<i>Date of Enactment</i>
Social Security Act 2018, section 101	Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Payment Amendment Programme 2019	01/01/20

A copy of the instrument is available for free at: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/about-msd/legislation/notice-of-change.html>

This instrument, which comes into force on **1 January 2020**, amends the Principal Programme to adjust the eligibility criteria for Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Payments (GCAP) in respect of children who are five and yet to be enrolled in a school with a cohort entry policy in place. Previously, children attending schools with cohort entry policies started school at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday. From 1 January 2020, under the Education Amendment Act 2019, children can start school on a term start date or mid-term start date which is on or after their fifth birthday. The Ministry of Social Development only pays GCAP until children are first able to start school.

The instrument is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012.

The instrument is administered in the Ministry of Social Development.

Dated this 22nd day of November 2019.

Hon CARMEL SEPULONI, Minister for Social Development.