Notice under the Social Security Act 2018

Notice is given of the making of the following instrument by the Minister for Social Development and Employment.

Authority for Instrument

Title or Subject Matter

Abatement Threshold

Social Security Act 2018, section 101

Increase (Transitional
Assistance) Amendment

2021

Date of Enactment

23/05/21

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 28 June 2021, is the Abatement Threshold Increase (Transitional Assistance) Amendment 2021 and is made under section 101 of the Social Security Act 2018. This instrument amends the principal programme to ensure that individuals receiving transitional assistance under the principal programme do not lose that assistance if their net income increases by an amount less than the transitional assistance they are receiving, as an unintended consequence of changes made on 1 July 2021 to benefit rates, the calculation of the disability exception amount for temporary additional support purposes, and to the definition of income for childcare assistance purposes. It also provides that in such cases, the amount of transitional assistance individuals receive will reduce by the amount of the increase in their income.

The instrument is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012 and is administered by the Ministry of Social Development.

HON CARMEL SEPULONI, Minister for Social Development and Employment

24 May 2021.