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## **Social Security (Mandatory Reviews) Amendment Regulations 2025**

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These documents have been proactively released.

*6 November 2025, Cabinet paper - Social Security (Mandatory Reviews) Amendment Regulations 2025*

*6 November 2025, Cabinet Legislation Committee Minute LEG-25-MIN-0216, Cabinet Office.*

These papers relate to the Social Security (Mandatory Reviews) Amendment Act that was passed in June 2025 which amends the Social Security Act 2018. This Act introduces a requirement that MSD must review a specified benefit at least once every 52 weeks. The Social Security (Mandatory Reviews) Amendment Regulations amend the Social Security Regulations 2018 to specify benefits subject to mandatory reviews and prescribes circumstances for exception from mandatory reviews.

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- Section 9(2)(h) - this information is legally privileged.

Please note there is an error on page 3, para 11.6 which refers to “the prescribed circumstances outlined in paragraphs 7 above” – this should refer to paragraph 8.

The following documents that accompanied the Cabinet paper are already public:

- *Social Security (Mandatory Reviews) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction and LEG-25-MIN-0085.* [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2025/social-assistance-legislation.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/information-releases/cabinet-papers/2025/social-assistance-legislation.html)

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