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Coversheet

Social Security Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2025, and Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2025

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27 November 2025, Cabinet paper - Social Security Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2025, and Student Allowances Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2025

4 December 2025, Cabinet Legislation Committee Minute LEG-25-MIN-0247, Cabinet Office.

Amendment of the Social Security Regulations 2018 is required to align with changes made by the Social Assistance Legislation (Accommodation Supplement and Income-related Rent) Amendment Act 2025, which comes into force on 2 March 2026. This will ensure that housing contributions from all boarders are taken into account in the calculation of Temporary Additional Support payments, and will make minor consequential amendments. Consequential amendment of the Student Allowances Regulations 1998 is also required, so that the appropriate rate of Accommodation Supplement that an eligible student would receive (which in turn determines the amount of Accommodation Benefit payable) is determined by the correct legislative references.

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