



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Student Allowances (Christchurch Mosques Attack) Amendment Regulations 2020

Portfolio                      Social Development

On 21 July 2020, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in March 2020, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to:
  - 1.1        exempt Christchurch Response Visa holders and other residence visa holders who would have been eligible for a Christchurch Visa from the three-year residence stand-down period for eligibility to student loans and allowances from 1 June 2020;
  - 1.2        exclude financial gifts and donations made to people affected by the Christchurch Mosques Attack from personal, parental and partner income tests for student allowances from 1 June 2020;

[SWC-20-MIN-0013]
- 2        **noted** that in April 2020, in light of the evolving situation around the COVID-19 pandemic, Cabinet agreed to delay implementation of the changes to eligibility settings applying to student loans and allowances to accommodate for the increased demand on the Ministry of Social Development's services [CAB-MIN-20-0164];
- 3        **noted** that the Student Allowances (Christchurch Mosques Attack) Amendment Regulations 2020 give effect to the above decisions;
- 4        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of Student Allowances (Christchurch Mosques Attack) Amendment Regulations 2020 [PCO 22796/4.0];
- 5        **noted** that:
  - 5.1        the Amendment Regulations come into force on 21 September 2020;
  - 5.2        the changes will apply to periods of study starting on or after 1 January 2021.

Charlotte Doyle  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendees: (see over)**

**Present:**

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Iain Lees-Galloway  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Julie Anne Genter  
Hon Eugenie Sage  
Michael Wood MP (Senior Government Whip)

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for LEG