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Tēnā koe

### **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Ministry from your agent on 4 April 2025, on your behalf. You requested information on Accommodation Supplement (AS) and Temporary Additional Support (TAS).

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out separately below.

- *copy of legalisation regarding Accommodation Supplement maximum rates and areas, and Temporary Additional Support rates*

AS maximum rates and areas can be found in the Social Security Act 2018, at the following link:

[www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2018/0032/latest/DLM6784877.html?search=ta act S ac%40ainf%40anif an%40bn%40rn 25 a&p=2](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2018/0032/latest/DLM6784877.html?search=ta+act+S+ac%40ainf%40anif+an%40bn%40rn+25+a&p=2).

Calculation of TAS rates can be found in the Social Security Regulations 2018 at the following link:

[www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2018/0202/latest/whole.html#LMS96404](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2018/0202/latest/whole.html#LMS96404). Please refer to regulations 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 69, 70 and 71 in particular.

You can also find more information on calculating the rate of TAS on the Ministry's website at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/calculating-the-rate-of-payment-01.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/calculating-the-rate-of-payment-01.html).

- *use of the word temporary in relation to some TAS costs being ongoing, fixed costs.*

The name "Temporary" refers to the policy intent that TAS is meant to be temporary support for up to 13 weeks at a time to help clients with an income deficiency (clients may need to reapply for it every 13 weeks if they need it for longer). Clients are expected to take steps during the 13-week period to either increase their disposable income or reduce their costs.

You can find more information on TAS at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/introduction.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/income-support/extra-help/temporary-additional-support/introduction.html).

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request regarding Accommodation Supplement and Temporary Additional Support, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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