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Work and Income benefit increases

1 April 2020 update



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The Ministry of Social Development looks after the **benefits** people get from Work and Income.

Benefits is the money that Work and Income give to many people.



From 1 April 2020 all main Work and Income **benefits** will go up by **\$25 per week**.



This increase will mean that:

- **single people** will get \$25 more every week
- **couples** will get a total of \$25 more for both of you every week.



The Work and Income benefits that will get the extra \$25 per week are:



- Jobseeker Support
- Sole Parents Support
- Supported Living Payment
- Young Parent Payment
- Youth Payment.





This increase in your benefit payment **may affect some** of your other payments like:



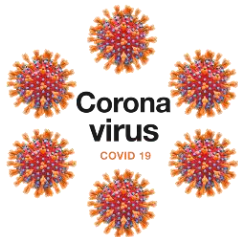
- Temporary Additional Support
- Accommodation Supplement
- Childcare Assistance.



The total amount you get from us **will not** be less than what you were getting before 1 April 2020.



We are increasing these benefits because **COVID-19** is making it hard for some people to get the things they need.



COVID-19 is a virus that can make people sick.

It is also called **Coronavirus**.

You can see all the rate changes on the Work and Income website:



www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/benefit-rates/benefit-rates-april-2020.html#null



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