



Social Security (Sickness Benefit—Medical Examinations) Regulations 2010

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 23rd day of August 2010

Present:
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 132 of the Social Security Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Social Security (Sickness Benefit—Medical Examinations) Regulations 2010.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 27 September 2010.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
Act means the Social Security Act 1964

nurse practitioner means a health practitioner who—

- (a) is, or is deemed to be, registered with the Nursing Council of New Zealand continued by section 114(1)(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 as a practitioner of the profession of nursing whose scope of practice permits the performance of nurse practitioner functions; and
- (b) holds a current practising certificate.

4 Nurse practitioner specified as health practitioner for purposes of section 54B(1)(d) of Act

A nurse practitioner is specified as a health practitioner for the purposes of section 54B(1)(d) of the Act.

Rebecca Kitteridge,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 27 September 2010, specify nurse practitioners as health practitioners for the purposes of section 54B(1)(d) of the Social Security Act 1964.

Section 54B of the Social Security Act 1964 requires a person who applies for a sickness benefit to include in the person's application a certificate that, among other things, certifies that the person's capacity for work is affected by sickness, injury, or disability. The certificate must be given by a medical practitioner, a dentist, a midwife, or a health practitioner of a kind specified in regulations made under section 132 of the Social Security Act 1964.

The effect of these regulations is to enable a nurse practitioner to give an applicant for a sickness benefit the certificate required under section 54B of the Social Security Act 1964 in respect of a condition within the ambit of the nurse practitioner's scope of practice.

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