

18. (1) Where a person ordinarily resident in New Zealand is in Australia and, in the opinion of the Director-General, that person is not permanently resident in Australia, that person shall not, by reason only of his absence from New Zealand, be disqualified from receiving any benefit under the Social Security Act to which he would have been entitled if he had remained in New Zealand.

(2) The Social Security Commission may, in any such case, withhold payment of the whole or such part of the benefit as it thinks fit until the return of that person to New Zealand.

19. (1) The Government of New Zealand agrees to act, without payment, as agent for the Government of Australia in the receipt of applications for, and the payment in New Zealand of, pensions, allowances, endowments, and benefits under the Social Services Consolidation Act in accordance with this part of this agreement.

(2) The Government of Australia agrees to act, without payment, as agent for the Government of New Zealand in the receipt of applications for, and the payment in Australia of, benefits under the Social Security Act in accordance with this part of this agreement.

20. If a person ordinarily resident in New Zealand makes, while in Australia, an application to the Director-General for a pension, allowance, endowment, or benefit under the Social Services Consolidation Act or for a benefit under the Social Security Act, the Government of New Zealand will accept the application as an application properly made for the appropriate benefit under the Social Security Act, and the date of receipt of the application by the Director-General shall be regarded as the date of receipt by the Social Security Commission.

21. If a person ordinarily resident in Australia makes, while in New Zealand, an application to the Social Security Commission for a benefit under the Social Security Act or a pension, allowance, endowment, or benefit under the Social Services Consolidation Act, the Government of Australia will accept the application as an application properly made for the appropriate pension, allowance, endowment, or benefit under the Social Services Consolidation Act, and the date of receipt of the application by the Social Security Commission shall be regarded as the date of receipt by the Director-General.

22. (1) Where, in accordance with this part of this agreement, the Government of New Zealand has paid on behalf of the Government of Australia pensions, allowances, endowments, or benefits to residents of Australia who are in New Zealand, the Government of Australia will pay to the Government of New Zealand the amount so paid on its behalf.