# **STATES OF JERSEY**



### STATES OF JERSEY LAW 2005: DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS – MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY – COVID-19 EXTENSIONS

Presented to the States on 6th December 2021 by the Minister for Social Security

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#### REPORT

On 3rd December 2021, the Minister for Social Security made a Ministerial Decision delegating certain of her functions under Articles 28, 30 and 30A of the <u>States of Jersey</u> <u>Law 2005</u> (see Decision reference MD-S-2021-0085., available at <u>www.gov.je</u>).

The terms of the delegations, and the legislation under which those delegations were made, were recorded in a Report attached to the Ministerial Decision, as shown below –

Delegate:	Deputy Jeremy Maçon
Functions delegated:	The Minister for Social Security has decided to delegate all powers and functions vested in her, including the power to make enactments and all other areas where the Minister has authority to act, to Assistant Social Security Minister
Scope of delegation:	Delegation of powers to make exceptional payments of Income Support under Article 8(2) of the Income Support Jersey law 2007.
	Delegation of powers to accept applications for Income Support without written proofs required by the legislation.

In light of Covid-19, to ensure continued efficient administration, the Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin has extended the following delegations to ensure that there is ongoing capacity to act regarding Social Security matters.

This decision extends MD-S-2021-0029 which ends on 31 December 2021, to take effect from 1 January 2022 until 1 April 2022, as required and subject to review by the Minister.

#### **Decisions:**

#### 1. Delegation of powers to Assistant Social Security Minister

The Minister for Social Security has decided to delegate all powers and functions vested in her, including the power to make enactments and all other areas where the Minister has authority to act, to Assistant Social Security Minister – Deputy Jeremy Maçon so that if she is unavailable, Deputy Maçon is able to cover her functions.

#### 2. Delegation of powers to make exceptional payments of Income Support under Article 8(2) of the Income Support Jersey law 2007

Temporary Application Scheme for Short Term Incapacity Allowance (STIA) following Government Advice to Self-Isolate – to pay equivalent amount as an Income Support Special Payment The Minister has decided to delegate the power to make exceptional payments available to her, under Article 8(2) of the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007, to Determining Officers appointed under that Law. This will allow exceptional payments of Income Support up to the maximum value of 21 days of STIA to be made, under ministerial guidance, to people who would not normally qualify for STIA.

## Delegation of powers to accept applications for Income Support without written proofs required by the legislation

The Minister has decided to delegate the ability to make decisions under Article 8(2) of the Income Support Jersey Law 2007 to Determining Officers appointed under that Law. Determining Officers will have the power to make payments of Income Support to a household which would not normally be entitled because they have not supplied all of the written proofs required by the legislation.

To note, these Covid-19 related delegations are separate to the main delegations covered in MD-S-2021-0016 signed on the 15 February 2021.