

Adjustment
of rates of
pension.

18.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act or in the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1941*—

- (a) the maximum rate of pension per annum which shall apply from the second day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two until the eighth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two (both dates inclusive), shall be Sixty-five pounds ; and
- (b) the maximum rate of pension per week payable to a pensioner in pursuance of sub-section (2.) of section thirty-one, the proviso to section forty-five or section forty-seven of the Principal Act from the second day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two until the eighth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two (both dates inclusive), shall be Eight shillings and sixpence.

(2.) This section shall come into operation on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

No. 4 of 1942.

An Act to amend the *Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1937*.

[Assented to 18th May, 1942.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title
and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Maternity Allowance Act 1942*.

(2.) The *Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1937** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Maternity Allowance Act 1912-1942*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

Who may be
claimants.

3. Section six of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section :—

“(2A.) Nothing in the last preceding sub-section shall apply to an aboriginal native of Australia—

(a) who is for the time being exempt from the provisions of the law of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth in which she resides relating to the control of aboriginal natives ; or

* Act No. 8, 1912, as amended by No. 48, 1926 ; No. 34, 1927 ; Nos. 10 and 47, 1931 ; No. 35, 1932 ; No. 16, 1934 ; No. 29, 1936 ; and No. 44, 1937.

(b) who resides in a State or Territory of the Commonwealth the law of which does not make provision for such exemption, and with respect to whom the Commissioner is satisfied that, by reason of the character, standard of intelligence and development of the aboriginal native, it is desirable that the last preceding sub-section should not apply to her.”; and

(b) by inserting in sub-section (3.), after the word “relates”, the words “(but not including, in the case of a married or widowed claimant, any income of the claimant from personal exertion earned, derived or received during any portion of that period prior to her marriage)”.

4. After section nine of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“9A. Where, in the opinion of the Commissioner, it is desirable to do so, he may direct that payment of any sum payable by way of maternity allowance to an aboriginal native of Australia shall be made to an authority of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth controlling the affairs of aboriginal natives, or to some other authority or person whom the Commissioner considers to be suitable for the purpose, for the benefit of the aboriginal native and payment shall be made accordingly.”.

Payment of
allowances
of aboriginal
natives.

5. After section eleven A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“11B.—(1.) The Director-General of Social Services shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, prepare and furnish to the Minister, for presentation to the Parliament, a report, with statistics, as to the administration and operation of this Act.

Annual report
to be
prepared.

“(2.) The report may deal with the administration and operation of any other Act administered by the Minister administering this Act.”.

CHILD ENDOWMENT.

No. 5 of 1942.

An Act to amend the *Child Endowment Act 1941*.

[Assented to 18th May, 1942.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Child Endowment Act 1942*.

(2.) The *Child Endowment Act 1941** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Short title
and citation.

* Act No. 8, 1941.