



COVID-19 Stimulus Package

Income Support for Individuals

What is it?

The Government are introducing a Coronavirus supplement of \$550 per fortnight to both existing and new recipients for 6 months.

Are you eligible?

This payment is available to anyone who is eligible for the below payments:

- Jobseeker payment (formerly Newstart)
- Youth Allowance Jobseeker
- Parenting payment
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit recipients

If your *fortnightly income* is below the amounts shown in the below table, then you will be eligible to access this payment at a minimum.

| Your Situation | Income cut off point |
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| You're single, no children | \$1,086.50 |
| You're single, 60 or older, on a payment from us for at least 9 continuous months | \$1,175.17 |
| You're single, principal carer of a dependent child | \$1,672.25 |
| You're single, principal carer of a dependent child, no mutual obligations requirement | \$2,214.75 |
| You're single, 60 or older, and principal carer of a dependent child. You must have been on a payment for at least 9 months continuously | \$1,673.25 |
| You're single, with a dependent child but not the principal carer | \$1,164.84 |
| You have a partner who gets a pension | \$1,987 combined |
| You have a partner who doesn't get a pension | \$993.50 |

(Please note, your partners income is assessed to determine your eligibility. If your spouse earns more than \$994 per fortnight, your benefit will reduce by 60 cents for every dollar they earn over this amount)

The Government have made access to the above benefits easier.

- Asset testing has been waived
- Waiting periods have been waived
- No requirement for Employment Separation Certificates, rental arrangements or relationship status verification
- No requirement to make an appointment with employment provider before you can be paid

*This information is true and correct as at 23rd March 2020.
Further information and updates as they arise will be provided promptly by our team.*



Jobseekers to still have an obligation to actively look for work or build their skills. If you are in self-isolation or have caring responsibilities, you may apply for an exemption.

Sole traders that become eligible for the Jobseeker payment will automatically meet mutual obligation requirements. For example, they are not required to actively look for work.

What does this entitle you to?

An additional payment of \$550 per fortnight to both existing and new recipients for 6 months.

When do I get this payment?

The Coronavirus supplement and easier access to payments will commence from **27 April 2020**.

How do I apply?

From April 2020, new applicants will be able to set themselves up with Services Australia via the following methods:

- Telephone - 132 850
- Online via MyGov – my.gov.au
- Local Centrelink Offices