



COVID-19 Stimulus Package JobSeeker Amendments

JobSeeker Amendments

The JobSeeker Payment replaced the former Newstart unemployment payment when coronavirus struck.

The Government effectively doubled the old Newstart rate, applying a \$550 coronavirus supplement. The revised JobSeeker program will allow recipients to earn \$300 a fortnight before facing a reduction in their Government payment.

The \$550 Coronavirus supplement was due to stop at the end of September 2020, however this has been extended for a further 3 months and will be reviewed again before December.

While it will continue for an additional 3 months the coronavirus supplement will fall from \$550 to \$250 a fortnight, meaning people on the program will receive a maximum of \$815 per fortnight after September.

If on JobSeeker you will be required to apply for more jobs than required earlier in the pandemic and failure to take a job means people risk losing the payment.

Maximum Rates of Payment

The maximum possible payments will be as per the below table

Period	JobSeeker Payment	Coronavirus Supplement	Total Max Entitlement
Until end of September 2020	\$565.70	\$550	\$1,115.70
October – December 2020	\$565.70	\$250	\$815.70

This information is true and correct as at 21st July 2020.

Further information and updates as they arise will be provided promptly by our team.