



Budget 2020-21

This information is accurate as at 6 October 2020.

COVID-19 Response Package – further Economic Support Payments

This measure will introduce a third and fourth one-off Economic Support Payment of \$250 to eligible customers progressively from December 2020 and March 2021. The Economic Support Payments will provide financial support to these customers and concession card holders.

This change is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects approximately 5 million customers who get 1 of the following payments, as at 27 November 2020 and/or 26 February 2021:

- Age Pension (including Age Pension (Blind))
- Carer Allowance*
- Carer Payment
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Disability Support Pension (including Disability Support Pension (Blind))
- Double Orphan Pension*
- DVA Gold card
- DVA Payments
- DVA Seniors Card
- Family Tax Benefit (fortnightly recipients)*
- Family Tax Benefit (lump sum recipients)*
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holders (covers non-income and asset test PCC holders and customers who have an extended entitlement to a PCC even though their payment has stopped).

*If a customer isn't getting a primary income support payment.



Customers getting other income support payments will also be eligible if they were paid 1 of the following payments at a zero rate on 27 November 2020 and/or 26 February 2021:

- Carer Allowance
- Family Tax Benefit
- Pensioner Concession Card.

This applies to customers who get:

- JobSeeker Payment
- Partner Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Youth Allowance
- Austudy
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Parenting Payment
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit.

When will this start and finish?

Payments will be made progressively from early December 2020 and early March 2021.