



# Informazzjoni dwar il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment

Din is-somma ta' darba li tingħata f'daqqa lill-persuni eliġibbli li tilfu x-xogħol u d-dħul minħabba ordni statali u territorjali tas-saħħa pubblika dwar il-COVID-19. Din tista' tinvolvi lockdown, hotspot jew restrizzjonijiet tal-moviment.

Il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment mhux taxxabli.

Int tista' tirċievi l-COVID-19 Disaster Payment jekk int tissodisfa r-regoli kollha ġenerali tal-eliġibbiltà kif ukoll ir-regoli għas-sitwazzjoni tiegħek. Dawn huma r-regoli ġenerali tal-eliġibbiltà:

- int għalaqt 17-il sena jew akbar
- tlift tal-anqas 8 sigħat jew ġurnata sħiħa tax-xogħol u d-dħul minħabba xi lockdown fl-istat jew territorju tiegħek u m'għandekx kwalunkwe intitolament tal-leave xieraq li għandu x'jaqsam mal-pandemija
- mhux qed tirċievi Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, pagament statali jew territorjali tan-negozju żgħir, id-Dad and Partner Pay, Parental Leave Pay jew pagament pandemiku bbażat fuq l-istat jew tat-territorju għall-l-istess perjodu
- int għext jew ħdimt fil- jew żort hotspot COVID-19 iddikjarata mill-Commonwealth li hi soġġetta għall-ordni ta' moviment ristrett
- int mhux qed tieħu d-dħul tiegħek tas-soltu u min iħaddmek mhux qed jirċievi l-pagament tal-Retaining Domestic Airline Capability għan-nom tiegħek.

Int tissodisfa il-kundizzjonijiet tal-għajxien jew tax-xogħol f'hotspot COVID-19 iddikjarata mill-Commonwealth jekk it-tnejn li ġejjin japplikaw:

- int tgħix f'żona li mhix magħluqa (lockdown)
- int ma tistax taħdem għax ma tistax taqsam g'ewwa jew barra miż-żona tal-lockdown.

Jekk int żort hotspot COVID-19 iddikjarata mill-Commonwealth matul il-perjodu relevanti u kont soġġett għal tieni ordni tas-saħħa pubblika li tirriżulta f'moviment ristrett int tista' tkun ukoll eliġibbli.

Int m'għadx għandek bżonn tissodisfa ir-regola tal-eliġibbiltà tal-hotspot COVID-19 iddikjarata mill-Commonwealth meta dawn it-tnejn japplikaw:

- l-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek laħqu r-rata ta-80% tal-persuni totalment ivvaċinati bil-vaċċin COVID-19
- aħna aċċettajna l-klejm tiegħek għal COVID-19 Disaster Payment għall-perjodu relevanti li jinkludi d-data meta l-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek jilhaq r-rata ta' 80% tal-persuni ivvaċinati totalment għall-COVID-19.

Ġurnata sħiħa tax-xogħol tiegħek tas-soltu hi dik li ġejt skedat taħdem imma ma stajt minħabba ordni ta' moviment ristrett. Din tinkludi ma stajt taħdem xift fulltajm, partajm jew każwali ta' inqas minn 8 sigħat.

## Jekk int qed tirċievi pagament ta' Centrelink jew tad-Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)

Jekk int qed tirċievi pagament eliġibbli ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA u tissodisfa r-regoli kollha tal-eliġibbiltà, int tista' tapplika għall-COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Int tkun ridt irrapurtajt lilna dħul mix-xogħol tal-anqas darba fit-8 ġimgħat qabel il-perjodu tiegħek tal-ikklejmjar. Din ir-regola ma tapplikax għalik jekk int għami jew qed tircievi I-Age Pension jew id-Disability Support Pension.

Int trid tkun qed tircievi wieħed mill-pagamenti tas-sapport tad-dħul li ġejjin:

- Age Pension
- Austudy
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- JobSeeker Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Farm Household Allowance
- Youth Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Partner Allowance
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Income support supplement skont il-Veterans' Act
- Service pension skont il-Veterans' Act
- Veteran payment skont il-Veterans' Act
- Education Allowance skont il-Veterans' Act.

Int ser tircievi l-pagament regolari tiegħek ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA fid-dati tas-soltu tal-pagament tiegħek. M'għandekx bżonn tirraporta il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment bħala dħul lil Centrelink.

## **Jekk mhux qed tircievi pagament ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA**

Jekk tissodisfa r-regoli kollha tal-eligibilità u mhux qed tircievi pagament eligibbli ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA, inti tista' tapplika għall-COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Int trid tkun: resident/a Awstraljan/a jew għandkom viża li tagħtikom id-dritt li taħdmu fl-Awstralja. Int tista' tiċċekkja id-dettalji u l-kundizzjonijiet tal-viża, inkluż id-dritt li taħdem fl-Awstralja, billi tuża d-[Department of Home Affairs VEO system](#).

Int tista' tikklejmja l-COVID-19 Disaster Payment għall-post wieħed biss. Jekk taħseb li int eligibbli għal aktar minn wieħed, int trid tiddeċiedi liema hu l-aħjar għalik.

Għal aktar tagħrif, inkluż il-postijiet, l-ammonti tal-pagament u l-perjodi rilevanti, mur f'[servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment)

## **Jekk l-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek jilhaq ir-rati ta' 70% jew 80% vvaċċinati totalment**

Il-COVID-19 Disaster Payments awtomatiċi ser jieqfu meta 70% tal-persuni li għalqu 16-il sena u akbar fl-istat jew territorju tiegħek ikunu totalment ivvaċċinati b'2 doġi tal-vaċċin COVID-19.

Jekk int għadek milqut mir-restrizzjonijiet tal-moviment jew il-lockdown, int ser ikollok bżonn terġa' tapplika għal COVID-19 Disaster Payment kull ġimgħa biex inkunu nafu li int għadek eligibbli.

Meta 80% tal-persuni li għandhom 16-il sena jew akbar fl-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek huma totalment ivvaċċinati b'2 doži tal-vaċċin COVID-19, ser ikun hemm bidliet fil-COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Int ser tista' biss terġa' tapplika għall-COVID-19 Disaster Payment jekk ġejt mogħti dan għall-perjodu relevanti li jinkludi d-data ta' meta l-istat jew territorju tiegħek ikun laħaq ir-rata ta' 80% totalment ivvaċċinati.

Jekk ngħatajt il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment għall-perjodu relevanti li jinkludi d-data meta l-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek jilħaq ir-rata ta' 80% ivvaċċinati totalment int tista' terġa' tapplika għall-pagament sa ġimagħtejn oħra.

Il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment ser jonqos fuq perjodu ta' sa 2 ġimgħat.

Fl-ewwel ġimgħa wara li l-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek jilħaq 80% ivvaċċinati totalment, il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment ser ikun wieħed pagament wieħed ta':

- \$450 jekk int tlift aktar minn 8 sigħat jew ġurnata sħiħa ta' xogħol u int mhux qed tieħu pagament eliġibbli ta' Centrelink jew tad-Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
- \$100 jekk int tlift aktar minn 8 sigħat xogħol jew ġurnata sħiħa ta' xogħol u int qed tieħu pagament eliġibbli ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA.

Fit-tieni ġimgħa wara li l-istat jew it-territorju tiegħek jilħaq 80% ivvaċċinati totalment, il-COVID-19 Disaster Payment ser ikun:

- pagament wieħed ta' \$320 jekk int tlift aktar minn 8 sigħat ta' xogħol jew ġurnata sħiħa ta' xogħol u int mintix qed tieħu pagament eliġibbli ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA
- spicċa jekk int qed tieħu pagament eliġibbli ta' Centrelink jew tad-DVA.

Wara dan il-perjodu, il-COVID-19 Disaster Payments mhux ser ikunu disponibbli fiż-żona tiegħek.

Għal aktar tagħrif:

- mur f' [servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment) għal tagħrif bl-Ingliż
- mur f' [servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage) fejn tista' taqra, tisma' jew tara tagħrif fil-lingwa tiegħek
- ċempel **131 202** biex titkellem magħna bil-lingwa tiegħek.

Jekk mintix aktar eliġibbli għal COVID-19 Disaster Payment int tista' ssib x'pagament jew support int tista' takkwista. Mur f' [servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19)

Ċempel **131 202** biex titkellem fil-lingwa tiegħek dwar il-pagamenti u s-servizzi ta' Centrelink. Nota: telefonati mit-telefown tad-dar għan-numru '13' minn kwalunkwe parti tal-Awstralja jiġu ċċarġjati b'rata fissa. Dik ir-rata tista' tvarja mill-prezz ta' telefonata lokali u tista' wkoll tvarja skont il-provvedituri tas-servizz tat-telefown. Telefonati għan-numri '18' mit-telefown tiegħek tad-dar huma bla ħlas. Telefonati minn telefonijiet pubbliċi u mobbli jistgħu jkunu ċċarġjati skont il-ħin u jkun hemm rata oġġla.

Ĉaħda: Dan it-tagħrif huwa preċiż sat-20 t'Ottubru 2021. L-għan tat-tagħrif li jinsab f'din il-pubblikazzjoni hu biss biex iservi bħala gwida għall-pagamenti u s-servizzi. Hi r-responsabbiltà tiegħek biex tiddeciedi jekk tixtieqx tapplika għal pagament u titfa' applikazzjoni, u tieħu nkonsiderazzjoni ċ-ċirkustanzi partikulari tiegħek.



# Information about the COVID-19 Disaster Payment

This is a lump-sum payment for eligible people who lost work and income due to a state or territory COVID-19 public health order. This may involve a lockdown, hotspot or movement restrictions.

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment is not taxable.

You may be able to get the COVID-19 Disaster Payment if you meet all the general eligibility rules as well as the rules for your situation. These are the general eligibility rules:

- you're 17 years or older
- you've lost at least 8 hours or a full day of work and income due a lockdown in your state or territory and don't have any appropriate pandemic-related leave entitlements
- you aren't getting Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, a state or territory small business payment, Dad and Partner Pay, Parental Leave Pay, or a state or territory based pandemic payment for the same period
- you lived or worked in or visited a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot that is subject to a restricted movement order
- you're not getting your usual income and your employer is not getting Retaining Domestic Airline Capability payments on your behalf.

You meet the requirement of living or working in a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot if both of these apply:

- you live or work in an area which isn't locked down
- you can't work because you're unable to cross into or out of the lockdown area.

If you visited a Commonwealth declared COVID-19 hotspot during the relevant period and were subject to a second public health order that results in your restricted movement, you may also be eligible.

You no longer need to meet the Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot eligibility rule when both of these apply:

- your state or territory has reached 80% fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine
- we have granted your claim for COVID-19 Disaster Payment for a relevant period which includes the date your state or territory reaches 80% fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

A full day of your usual work is what you were scheduled to work but could not because of a restricted movement order. This includes not being able to attend a full time, part time or casual shift of less than 8 hours.

## If you're getting a Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) payment

If you're getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment and meet all the eligibility rules, you can apply for COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

You must have reported employment income to us at least once in the 8 weeks before your claiming period. This rule doesn't apply to you if you're blind and getting Age Pension or Disability Support Pension.

You must be getting one of the following income support payments:

- Age Pension
- Austudy
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- JobSeeker Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Farm Household Allowance
- Youth Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Partner Allowance
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Income support supplement under the Veterans' Act
- Service pension under the Veterans' Act
- Veteran payment under the Veterans' Act
- Education Allowance under the Veterans' Act.

You'll get your regular Centrelink or DVA payment on your usual payment dates. You don't need to report the COVID-19 Disaster Payment as income to Centrelink.

## **If you're not getting a Centrelink or DVA payment**

If you meet all the eligibility rules and aren't getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment, you can apply for COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

You must be an Australian resident or hold a visa that gives you the right to work in Australia. You can check your visa details and conditions, including your right to work in Australia, using the [Department of Home Affairs' VEVO](#) system.

You can claim the COVID-19 Disaster Payment for one location only. If you think you're eligible for more than one, you need to decide which is best for you.

For more information, including locations, payment amounts and relevant periods, go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment)

## **If your state or territory reaches 70% or 80% full vaccination rates**

Automatic COVID-19 Disaster Payments will stop when 70% of people aged 16 years and over in your state or territory are fully vaccinated with 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you are still affected by movement restrictions or lockdown, you will need to reapply for COVID-19 Disaster Payment each week so we know you remain eligible.

When 80% of people aged 16 years or older in your state or territory are fully vaccinated with 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, there will be changes to COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

You can only reapply for COVID-19 Disaster Payment if you have been granted for a relevant period which includes the date your state or territory reaches 80% full vaccination.

If you have been granted COVID-19 Disaster Payment for a relevant period which includes the date your state or territory reaches 80% fully vaccinated, you can reapply for the payment for up to 2 more weeks.

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment will reduce over a period of up to 2 weeks.

The first week after a state or territory reaches 80% fully vaccinated, the COVID-19 Disaster Payment will be one payment of:

- \$450 if you have lost more than 8 hours or a full day of work and you are not getting an eligible Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) payment
- \$100 if you have lost more than 8 hours or a full day of work and you are getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment.

The second week after a state or territory reaches 80% fully vaccinated, COVID-19 Disaster Payment will:

- be one payment of \$320 if you have lost more than 8 hours or a full day of work and you are not getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment
- end if you are getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment.

After this period, COVID-19 Disaster Payments will not be available in your area.

For more information:

- go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment) for information in English
- go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage) where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language
- call **131 202** to speak with us in your language.

If you are no longer eligible for COVID-19 Disaster Payment, you can find out what other payment or support you may be able to get. Go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/covid19)

Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services. Note: calls from your home phone to '13' numbers from anywhere in Australia are charged at a fixed rate. That rate may vary from the price of a local call and may also vary between telephone service providers. Calls to '1800' numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.

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you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application, with regard to your particular circumstances.