



JobSeeker Payment

JobSeeker Payment provides financial help if you are between 22 and Age Pension age. You can get it while you are unemployed and looking for work.

It is also available when you are sick or injured and cannot do your usual work or study.

Eligibility for JobSeeker Payment

You may be eligible for JobSeeker Payment if you meet all of the following :

- you are between 22 and Age Pension age
- you meet the residence rules
- you meet the income and assets tests.

You will also need to meet one of the following situations:

- You are unemployed and looking for work, or not in full time work. This can include if you are doing part time or casual work.
- You are unable to work or study for a short time because of an injury or illness. You may need to provide a medical certificate.

Payment rates for JobSeeker Payment

The amount you can get may vary, and depends on your personal situation. This includes:

- if you have a partner
- if you have children
- how much income you and your partner earned in the past 14 days.

If you earn income over a certain amount, it may affect how much you can get.

How to claim JobSeeker Payment

You can claim JobSeeker Payment online using your Centrelink online account through myGov.

If you do not have a myGov account or Centrelink online account, you need to set them up.

You can start your claim for JobSeeker Payment up to 13 weeks before your circumstances change. This could be if either:

- you will be working less hours and meet the income test
- you know you will lose your job.

You can withdraw your claim at any time if your financial situation changes.

When you get your first payment

You will get your first payment around 2 weeks after we grant your payment unless a waiting period applies. We will tell you if you have a waiting period and how long you will need to wait.

You will also need to report your and your partner's income. You will need to report income every 2 weeks.

Change of circumstances

You need to tell us if your circumstances change as it could affect your payment. This may include:

- your personal and contact details
- your relationship status
- your work status.

For more information

- call **131 202** to speak to someone in your language
- go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/jobseekerpayment** for more information in English
- go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage** where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language
- visit a service centre.

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.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.