

Work Bonus

We will use your Work Bonus balance to reduce your Work Bonus eligible income before applying the income test.

The Work Bonus reduces your eligible income by up to \$300 per fortnight and any unused amounts can be banked. The maximum Work Bonus balance you can accrue is \$11,800.

The Work Bonus is applied to eligible income before your payment is calculated under the normal income test.

When you claim an eligible payment for the first time, you'll start with a Work Bonus balance of \$4,000. If you're re-claiming an eligible payment, any Work Bonus balance you already had will carry over. If your balance is less than \$4000, you may get a top-up if you didn't get one in the last two years.

You don't need to apply for the Work Bonus. All you need to do is declare your income.

Work Bonus is not money you can draw on to use for other things. But you can benefit from it to help you keep more of your pension if you're working.

How it works

When your Work Bonus eligible income is less than \$300 a fortnight, we'll reduce this income to zero. We add any unused amounts to your Work Bonus balance.

When your Work Bonus eligible income is more than \$300 a fortnight, we'll use the \$300 to reduce this income. We'll then use any Work Bonus balance you've accrued to reduce this income further before applying the income test.

Work Bonus eligible income includes employment income and income from self-employment earned through active participation. Active participation means you're doing work that involves effort.

Who can get it

To get the Work Bonus, you need to meet both of the following:

- be Age Pension age and over
- get Age Pension, Carer Payment or Disability Support Pension.

If you get the transitional rate of pension, you're not eligible for the Work Bonus.

Each payment has different rules. You can use your Centrelink online account through myGov to see what is available to you.

If you get Carer Payment or Disability Support Pension you're still subject to normal work rules for those payments.

Work Bonus also applies to Service Pension age customers. They need to be on one of these payments from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA):

- Income Support Supplement
- Service Pension
- Age Pension

For more information



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Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage where you can listen to information about Work Bonus or find information in your language.

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Call your regular payment line – let us know if you need an interpreter and we'll arrange one for free.

Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services.

