**DM6717 Early Claiming JobSeeker**

If you know your job hours will reduce or your employment is ending soon, you can start your job seeker claim up to 13 weeks early. You can also claim as a job seeker early if you're unable to work for a short time due to changes like illness or injury.

When you claim as a job seeker, you can claim one of the following payments:

* JobSeeker Payment
* Youth Allowance as a job seeker
* Parenting Payment.

Starting an early claim means you'll need to tell us when you expect your circumstances will change and answer questions about you and your partner's financial details. While you can start your claim 13 weeks early, you can only finalise and submit your claim 14 days before your situation changes.

We'll remind you when it's time to review and submit your claim. We won't start assessing your claim to check if you're eligible until you submit it. You can also withdraw your claim at any time if your situation changes and you no longer need a payment from us.

Claiming early helps avoid delays. If you wait until your situation changes, you may only get paid from the date you submit your claim.

Some payments have waiting periods before you get your first payment.

Check **servicesaustralia.gov.au/jobseeker** for more information.