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Using Centrepay to pay for food?

**From 3 November 2025, this is only available
in remote or very remote areas.**

If you live in a remote or very remote area, you can keep
using Centrepay to buy food.

If you live somewhere else, or buy food from a butcher,
you can continue your payments until 1 November 2026,
unless one of the following occurs earlier:

- you pay it out
- you cancel it
- the business is removed from Centrepay.



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What you need to know

At butchers or community and grocery stores in areas that are not remote or very remote, from **3 November 2025**, you cannot:

- ❌ start a new deduction
- ❌ increase your current deduction
- ❌ restart a deduction if you cancel your current deduction.

You can still use Centrepay to buy food from community and grocery stores in remote or very remote areas. From 3 November 2025, you need to add a target amount when you use Centrepay to buy food from these stores.

If you cancel your deduction and have credits, you can ask the business for a refund.



To learn more about these changes,
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