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# Working while getting Disability Support Pension

You can earn money from working while getting Disability Support Pension (DSP) from us. The amount of DSP you get depends on how much work pay you get each fortnight.

If you're working in supported employment services, the hours you work don't affect your DSP payment. These services are also known as Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) or Supported Wage System (SWS). If you're not working in either of these, your work hours may affect how much your DSP payment will be.

## What you need to do

- 1 If you're working in ADE, check if your employer is reporting your income to us.
- 2 If your employer doesn't report for you, tell us any work pay you get, and hours you worked every fortnight.
- 3 Tell us if you start working at least 30 hours per week, if you're not working in ADE or SWS.
- 4 If you don't report each fortnight, tell us if you've stopped working, or if you're now doing less work.

## What you need to know



If you're single and over 21, you can have income each fortnight up to:

- \$218 with no change to your DSP. If you earn more than this, you may get less DSP that fortnight.
- \$2,575 and still get some DSP. If you earn more, you may not get any DSP that fortnight.



These income limits are at 20 September 2025. Always check our website for the latest information. The limits are different if you're a member of a couple, or under 21.



Working Credit may let you keep more of your DSP payment if you're working. If you start a new job, your reporting requirements can change. If you're an eligible pensioner who is working, the Work Bonus can help you keep more of your pension.



We can suspend your DSP for up to 2 years if you work at least 30 hours per week, or have high income for a longer time. If that changes, we can start your DSP again.



Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/dsp](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/dsp) for more information about working while you're getting DSP.

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