

Carer Supplement and Child Disability Assistance Payment - annual payments

Supporting Australian carers

Services Australia provides 2 payments to help carers, Carer Supplement and the Child Disability Assistance Payment. These yearly payments are to help ease the financial strain on carers and families of children with disabilities.

What is the Carer Supplement?

The Carer Supplement is a yearly payment for eligible carers who get certain carer payments. It's designed to help carers who may face financial pressures because of their caring role.

Eligibility

You qualify for the Carer Supplement if you're getting any of these payments on 1 July each year:

- Carer Payment
- Carer Allowance
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Partner Service Pension and Carer Allowance
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Carer Service Pension.

You can't get the supplement if you only have a Carer Allowance Health Care Card.

Payment

Each eligible carer gets up to \$600 for each person they care for. Services Australia pays this automatically around July each year, so carers don't need to apply or fill out extra paperwork.

What is the Child Disability Assistance Payment?

The Child Disability Assistance Payment is a yearly payment to help families with the costs of caring for a child with a disability or medical condition.

Eligibility

You can get the Child Disability Assistance Payment if you're getting Carer Allowance for a child under 16 years old on 1 July each year. This payment adds on to the regular Carer Allowance to help meet the child's needs.

Payment

The Child Disability Assistance Payment is up to \$1,000 for each eligible child. Just like the Carer Supplement, Services Australia pay this automatically around July each year, so you don't need to apply for it.