

# 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.