

# Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) is a lump sum payment to help if you were directly affected by a declared disaster.

## Who can get it

To get AGDRP, you must be all of the following:

- adversely affected in a declared area
- an Australian resident or meet eligibility under other residence rules.

To check declared areas, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/disastersupport](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/disastersupport)

Adversely affected means that you or an eligible child you care for must have been directly affected by the declared disaster. This includes one or more of the following:

- major damage to your principal place of residence
- major damage to a major asset or assets that you own at your principal place of residence
- serious injury
- an immediate family member who is an Australian citizen or resident has died or is missing.

To claim AGDRP, at the time of the disaster you must be either:

- 16 or older
- under 16 and get an eligible payment.

You can only get AGDRP once for a declared disaster. You can include any eligible child you care for at the time of the disaster in your claim.

If you're a member of a couple, you can both claim this payment. You and your partner must make separate claims.

You can claim if you're the immediate family member of an Australian citizen or resident who died or is missing as a direct result of the disaster. You can't claim on behalf of a person who has died, or their estate.

## How much you can get

If you're eligible, you'll get:

- \$1,000 per adult
- \$400 for each child under 16.

## Payment definitions

### Eligible payments

If you're under 16 at the time of the disaster, you must get one of the following payments to make your own claim for AGDRP.

- Carer Allowance or Carer Payment
- Double Orphan Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Youth Allowance.

### Eligible child you care for

You can claim for an eligible child if, on the first day, you or they were affected by the declared disaster, any of the following apply:

- you have a legal responsibility for the day-to-day care, welfare and development of a child who's under 16 and dependent on you
- you get Parenting Payment, JobSeeker Payment, Youth Allowance for job seekers or Special Benefit as a principal carer of that child
- you get Family Tax Benefit for that child, the child is under 16 and you have at least 66% care of the child.

When you share the care of a child, only one of you can get AGDRP for the child.

## Principal place of residence

Your principal place of residence is the main place where you have a right or licence to live. It doesn't include holiday homes, investment properties, temporary stays with family or friends, detention facilities or prison.

If you have more than one principal place of residence, you'll be asked to give details of each residence.

## Major damage

Your principal place of residence has experienced major damage if, for example:

- it's been destroyed or must be demolished
- it's been declared structurally unsound
- the disaster has exposed the interior to the elements
- sewage has gotten inside it.

Examples of major damage to the interior of your principal place of residence are:

- flooring or furniture needs refinishing or replacing
- electrical items such as a refrigerator or washing machine have been damaged and need replacing
- metal has begun to rust, pit and corrode and needs replacing.

## Major damage to major asset or assets

A major asset or assets you own must be located at your principal place of residence.

Your major assets have experienced major damage if:

- they have become unusable or need to be replaced
- a water tank is damaged and needs repairing or cleaning, or the water needs to be replaced.

The asset or assets must have a combined market value of \$20,000 or more. This may include buildings, vehicles, caravans, water tanks or large-scale machinery.

## Serious injury

A serious injury is when a person is hurt in the disaster and admitted to hospital or would have been admitted to hospital under normal circumstances.

For more information about this payment, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/disastersupport](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/disastersupport)

## How to claim

The fastest way to claim is online through myGov.

 For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/disastersupport](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/disastersupport)

## Help for you

A disaster can have a physical and emotional impact on you and your family.

 For additional help, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/disasterhelp](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/disasterhelp)

## For more information

Scan the QR code or go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/disaster](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/disaster)

