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DSP

 Gathering your information is very important. Your DSP is calculated based on your circumstances. You can find more information about DSP on the Department of Human Services website: humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage/131 202.
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Disability Support Pension (DSP) provides financial support for people who have a physical, intellectual or psychiatric condition that stops them from working, or who are permanently blind.

Eligibility for Disability Support Pension

You may be eligible for DSP if you:
- are between 16 years of age and age pension age
- meet the residence requirements
- meet the income and assets tests for your situation, and
- are permanently blind, or
- are assessed as having a physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment, and
- are unable to work, or be retrained for work, for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage within the next two years because of your impairment, and
- have actively participated in, or completed, a Program of Support if required.

Claiming Disability Support Pension

When you claim you will be required to provide medical evidence. We may need to copy your documents and return the originals to you.

We will use these documents as part of the assessment process to determine your eligibility for payment. You may need to attend assessments.

Once you have submitted all your claims and supporting documentation and completed your assessments, we will let you know if your claim is successful. If you are eligible for DSP, we will tell you when your payment will start and how much you will get paid.

Job Capacity Assessment

As part of your claim process, you will need to attend a Job Capacity Assessment (JCA). A JCA will determine the impact of your medical conditions and disabilities on your ability to work and whether you would benefit from employment assistance.

There is no cost for this assessment.

Disability Medical Assessment

Following your JCA, you may be referred to a Disability Medical Assessment (DMA).

A DMA helps us assess your medical conditions in order to determine your medical eligibility for DSP.

Your DMA will be conducted by a government contracted doctor. This doctor will not be your usual doctor, though they may contact your doctor if they need more information. All government contracted doctors are qualified and trained to carry out these assessments.
They will provide us with a report that we will use to help us make a decision on your DSP claim. There is no cost for this assessment.

**More information**

For more information:

- go to [humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage](http://humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage) where you can read, listen to or watch information in other languages
- call 131 202 to speak to us in your language, or
- visit a service centre.

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