



Crisis Payment for Humanitarian Entrants

We understand there may be times when you need additional support from us. Crisis Payment is a special one-off payment to assist with your immediate settlement needs if you are a newly arrived humanitarian entrant.

Who can receive the payment?

This payment is only available if you were issued with an Australian Humanitarian Visa before your first arrival in Australia.

To receive Crisis Payment, you must:

- be eligible for a Centrelink pension or benefit
- be in severe financial hardship on the day of claim
- be in Australia on the day of claim
- hold one of the following qualifying humanitarian visas:
 - subclass 200—Refugee
 - subclass 201—In Country Special Humanitarian
 - subclass 202—Global Special Humanitarian
 - subclass 203—Emergency Rescue
 - subclass 204—Woman at Risk
- claim within seven days of your first arrival in Australia on a qualifying humanitarian visa (or contact us with an intent to claim within seven days and lodge a claim within 14 days of that contact), and

How much is the Crisis Payment?

The amount of Crisis Payment is equal to one week's payment of your basic Centrelink pension or benefit. This doesn't include additional payments such as Rent Assistance or Pharmaceutical Allowance. This payment is a one-off addition to your regular fortnightly payment.

Hardship Advance

In addition to Crisis Payment, you may also apply to have part of your first instalment of pension or benefit paid early if eligible. This is called a Hardship Advance.

For more information

Employment line	132 850
Older Australians line	132 300
Disability and Carers	132 717
Families and Parents line	136 150
Youth and Students	132 490
TTY* enquiries	Freecall 1800 810 586

*TTY is only for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. A TTY phone is required to use this service.

For information in other languages visit our website at humanservices.gov.au and click on 'Information in your language' or call our multilingual phone service on **131 202**.

Charges for calls from your home phone to the department's '13' numbers vary depending on your telephone service provider. Calls from public and mobile phones are charged at a higher rate.