**Kuanza tena kulipa deni la** **Centrelink**

Tangu Agosti 2021, Centrelink ilisitisha kulipwa deni

ili kusaidia watu wanaopitia vipindi vya kufungiwa kutokana na COVID-19 na matukio ya maafa ya hivi karibuni.

Usitishaji huu wa deni utakuwa unaisha kati ya Julai na Oktoba 2022. Kadiri tukio uilivyoathiriwa hivi majuzi, ndivyo utakavyokuwa na muda mrefu zaidi hadi unahitaji kulipa.

Centrelink inatuma vikumbusho vya barua na ujumbe mfupi wa simu ili kuwajulisha watu wakati wanapohitaji kuanza kulipa tena pesa na ikiwa wanahitaji kuchukua hatua yoyote.

Ikiwa una deni, kuna mambo 3 muhimu kujua:

* Centrelink iko hapa kukusaidia na kukuunga mkono wewe kuweza kulipa pesa kwa njia inayofaa zaidi kulingana na hali yako.
* Ikiwa una deni, huhitaji kuilipa yote mara moja. Watu wengi huweka utaratibu wa malipo na hulipa baada ya muda.
* Ikiwa huelewi deni lako au una wasiwasi kuhusu kulipa pesa, unaweza kuzungumza na Centrelink kwa kupiga simu ya kawaida ya malipo yako, au kwa kupiga simu ya Centrelink ya kulipa deni kwa **1800 076 072**. Wajulishe Centrelink kama unahitaji mkalimani, na watapanga mmoja bila malipo.

Kwa maelezo zaidi kuhusu kudhibiti deni lako katika Kiingereza, nenda kwa **servicesaustralia.gov.au/owingmoney**

*(Sema haraka, kama kanusho)* \*Simu kwa nambari za '13' kutoka kwa simu yako ya nyumbani popote nchini Australia hutozwa kwa bei maalum. Hii inaweza kutofautiana na kiwango cha simu za mtaa na kati ya watoa huduma za simu.

Centrelink debt repayment restart

Since August 2021, Centrelink have put debt pauses in place to help people dealing with COVID-19 lockdowns and more recent disaster events.

These debt pauses will be ending between July and October 2022. The more recently you were affected by an event, the longer you will have until you need to make repayments.

Centrelink is sending letters and text message reminders to let people know when they need to start repaying money and if they need to take any action.

If you owe money, there are 3 important things to know:

* Centrelink is here to help and support you to repay money in a way that best suits your situation.
* If you owe money, you do not need to repay it all at once. Most people set up a payment arrangement and repay it over time.
* If you do not understand your debt or you are worried about repaying money, you can talk to Centrelink by calling your regular payment line, or by calling the Centrelink debt recovery line on **1800 076 072**. Let Centrelink know if you need an interpreter, and they will arrange one for free.

For more information about managing your debt in English, go to **servicesaustralia.gov.au/owingmoney**

(Spoken quickly, as a disclaimer) \*Calls to '13' numbers from your home phone anywhere in Australia are charged at a fixed rate. This might differ from the local call rate and between phone providers.