



Centrepay

Person 1: Did you know Services Australia has a free service to help you manage and pay your bills?

Person 2: No, what is it called and how does it work?

Person 1: It is called Centrepay. It is a free and voluntary bill paying service. You can choose to have small amounts of money deducted from your Centrelink payments each fortnight to pay your bills.

Person 2: How can Centrepay help me?

Person 1: Centrepay is a great way to manage and pay your regular household expenses, like:

- rent
- telephone
- electricity, gas and water
- medical services
- child care fees
- school fees, and many other bills.

Centrepay helps you pay your bills on time. You decide:

- the bills to pay through Centrepay
- how much to deduct from your Centrelink payments each fortnight.

The lowest amount you can deduct is \$10 per fortnight.

You can only use Centrepay for goods and services provided by approved businesses.

Person 2: How do I find an approved business?

Person 1: You can use the **find a business or organisation** search tool on our website to search for businesses in your area. It lists businesses approved to use Centrepay.

If a business or person you want to pay is not on the list, contact them. Ask them if they accept payments using Centrepay. If they do not, ask them to consider joining.

Person 2: How do I set up a Centrepay deduction?

Person 1: You can start, change, check or stop a Centrepay deduction at any time by:

- asking the business you want to pay, to set it up for you
- using your Centrelink online account through myGov
- using the Express Plus Centrelink app on your mobile device
- visiting a service centre
- calling us on **131 202** to speak to someone in your language.

Person 2: Where can I find out more about Centrepay?

Person 1: You can find out more in English at servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay or call **131 202** to speak to someone in your language. That number again – **131 202**.

Call charges may vary depending on the telephone service provider. There may be higher call charges from public telephones and mobile phones.

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The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.