







## Work Bonus

If you work, we use your Work Bonus balance to reduce your Work Bonus eligible income. Then, we apply the income test to your income.

From 1 December 2022 to 31 December 2023, your maximum Work Bonus balance increases to \$11,800. This will reset to \$7,800 on 1 January 2024.

You will also get a one-off \$4,000 credit to your Work Bonus balance during this period.

You do not need to apply for the Work Bonus. All you need to do is declare your income.

Work Bonus is not money you can draw on to use for other things. But you can use it to help you keep more of your pension if you are working.

You can get the Work Bonus if you meet both of the following:

- are over Age Pension age
- get Age Pension, Carer Payment or Disability Support Pension.

If you get Carer Payment or Disability Support Pension you will also need to meet the normal work rules for your payment.

You cannot get the Work Bonus if you are getting the transitional rate of pension.

## How it works

The fortnightly Work Bonus amount is \$300.

When your Work Bonus eligible income is less than \$300 in a fortnight, we reduce this income to zero. We add any unused amounts to your Work Bonus balance, up to a maximum amount of \$11,800.

When your Work bonus eligible income is more than \$300 in a fortnight, we use the \$300 to reduce this income. We then use any Work Bonus balance you have accrued to reduce this income further before applying the income test.

Work Bonus eligible income includes employment income and income from self-employment earned through active participation. Active participation means you are doing work that involves effort.

## For more information

- call your regular payment line and let us know if you need an interpreter. We will arrange one for free. For a list of phone numbers, go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/phoneus](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/phoneus)
- call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services
- go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/workbonus](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/workbonus) for more information in English
- go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage) where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language
- visit a service centre.

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service providers. Calls to '1800' numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.

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