

JobSeeker Payment: Do I qualify?

Some of those on welfare will be receiving a temporary boost to their income in an attempt by the federal government to shield them from the COVID-19 economic fallout.

Those eligible to receive the payment are in the following income support payment categories:

- Jobseeker Payment (those currently receiving Partner Allowance, Widow Allowance, Sickness Allowance and Wife Pension)
- Youth Allowance Jobseeker
- Parenting Payment (Partnered and Single)
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit recipients

Those who are eligible for the coronavirus supplement will receive the full \$550 per fortnight.

There will also be expanded access to the payments.

Those included in the expanded access are:

- Jobseeker Payment and Youth Allowance Jobseeker criteria will provide payment access for permanent employees who are stood down or lose their employment.
- The expanded eligibility applies to:
 - sole traders
 - the self-employed
 - casual workers
 - contract workers who meet the income tests as a result of the economic downturn due to the coronavirus. Also includes a person required to care for someone who is affected by the coronavirus.

These payments will commence from the 27th of April

The government has reduced wait times for those newly applying for payments.

If you're already on eligible payments you will not have to do anything.

More information can be found [here](#).