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More financial support for coronavirus affected job seekers

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The Australian Government has announced more payments and streamlined claims for job seekers affected by coronavirus.



Subject to legislation passing, we'll:

- pay a temporary fortnightly \$550 Coronavirus Supplement from 27 April 2020 if you're getting an eligible payment
- extend eligibility for the first \$750 Economic Support Payment to pay it from 31 March 2020 if you're getting an eligible payment on any day from 12 March to 13 April 2020
- expand eligibility for some payments and make them easier to claim
- make Crisis Payment available if you need to self-isolate, are in severe financial hardship and you can get an income support payment
- pay a second \$750 Economic Support Payment from 13 July 2020 if you're getting an eligible payment or have an eligible concession card on 10 July 2020.

Coronavirus Supplement

The temporary Coronavirus Supplement will be a fortnightly payment if you're getting an income support payment.

You'll automatically get the supplement if you're getting one of these payments:

- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance for job seekers
- Parenting Payment
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit.

The supplement will be an extra \$550 a fortnight on top of your normal payment rate.

If you're already getting one of these payments

You don't need to do anything. We'll pay you automatically from 27 April 2020. We'll continue to pay you the supplement each fortnight if you're eligible for up to 6 months.

If you're not already getting a payment and need to claim

If you claim one of the eligible payments and we approve your claim, you'll also get the supplement. You can claim online through [myGov](#) using a Centrelink online account, or [phone us](#).

For more information please contact us