

Centrelink Payments

Payments for job seekers

Financial help if you're looking for work. There are also payments if you're sick or injured and can't do your usual work or study.

Income support while you look for work:

- ♦ **JobSeeker Payment** is financial help if you're between 22 and Age Pension age. You can get it while you're unemployed and looking for work, or doing approved activities to find a job. It's also for when you're sick or injured and can't do your usual work or study.
- ♦ **Youth Allowance** for job seekers is an income support payment if you're 21 or younger and looking for work, or temporarily unable to work.
- ♦ **Parenting Payment** is an income support payment while you're a young child's main carer. This payment supports parents or guardians to help with the cost of raising children.

Payment while you're studying

- ♦ **Austudy** is for full time students and Australian Apprentices aged 25 or older.
- ♦ **ABSTUDY** is for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders who are studying or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship.
- ♦ **Youth Allowance for students and apprentices** is financial help if you're 16 to 24 and studying or an Australian Apprentice.

You may be eligible for other payments if you're studying or training and getting certain income support payments.

You may be able to get the **Pensioner Education Supplement**. This payment helps with the ongoing costs of full time or part time study in a secondary or tertiary course.

You may also be able to get **Education Entry Payment**.

Child care costs while you study or look for work

Child Care Subsidy helps with the cost of approved child care.

If you're transitioning to work from certain income support payments you may be able to get **Additional Child Care Subsidy**. This gives some families extra help with child care fees. Read about **who can get the Transition to Work subsidy**.

They pay these subsidies to your child care provider to reduce the fees you pay.

Disability Support Pension provides financial support if you can't work because you have a physical, intellectual or psychiatric condition. You may also get this payment if you're permanently blind.

Other Payments and Financial Support

If you're eligible for Disability Support Pension, you may also get other benefits including a **Pensioner Concession Card**. If you start work you may still get this payment, depending on the number of hours you work and how much you earn.

Mobility Allowance helps you take part in approved activities when you have a disability, illness or injury. It helps with transport costs if you can't use public transport without substantial help, either permanently or for long periods. To get this payment you must be looking for work or taking part in paid or voluntary work, study or training.

You won't get Mobility Allowance if you're getting a funded package of support through the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Youth Disability Supplement provides extra financial support to young people with physical, intellectual or psychiatric disability who get certain income support payments.

Other government and community support services

There are a range of other organisations that provide support services and information you may find helpful. You can use Centrelink's **Payment and Service Finder** to find help in your area.

JobAccess offers help and workplace solutions for people with disability who are looking for work, and their potential and current employers.

The Department of Education, Skills, and Employment offers a range of services, including:

- ♥ **jobactive** - connects job seekers with employers through a network of providers
- ♥ **New Enterprise Incentive Scheme** - helps job seekers who want to become self-employed business owners
- ♥ **Job Jumpstart** - an online resource with tips and articles about careers and job hunting

myfuture is Australia's national career information and exploration service. It helps with career decisions, planning career pathways and managing work transitions.

MoneySmart has information to help you make the most of your money. Read the **Losing your job** section on the MoneySmart website.

Beyond Blue is an independent, not for profit organisation for depression, anxiety and related mental health disorders in Australia.

MensLine Australia gives professional telephone and online support and information services for men with family and relationship concerns.