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# COVID-19 Disaster Payment

A support payment for workers adversely affected by a state public health order.

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This is a lump sum payment to help workers unable to earn income due to a COVID-19 state or territory public health order. This may involve a lockdown, hotspot or movement restrictions.

How much you can get will depend on your individual circumstances.

## 70% fully vaccinated

Automatic payments will stop when 70% of people 16 years or older in your state or territory are fully vaccinated with 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you're still affected by movement restrictions, you'll need to reapply for the payment each week so we know you remain eligible.

## 80% vaccination rates

When 80% of people 16 years or older in your state or territory are fully vaccinated with 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, there will be changes to the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

You can only reapply for COVID-19 Disaster Payment if you've already been granted the payment for a relevant period. This period must include the date your state or territory reaches 80% full vaccination. If this is the case, you can reapply for the payment for up to 2 more weeks.

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment will reduce over a period of up to 2 weeks.

The first week after your state or territory reaches 80% fully vaccinated, COVID-19 Disaster Payment will be one payment of:

- \$450 if you've lost more than 8 hours or a full day of work and you're not getting an eligible Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) payment
- \$100 if you've lost more than 8 hours or a full day of work and you're getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment.

The second week after a state or territory reaches 80% fully vaccinated rates, COVID-19 Disaster Payment will:

- be one \$320 payment if you've lost more than 8 hours or a full day of work and you're not getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment
- end if you're getting an eligible Centrelink or DVA payment.

After this period, the COVID-19 Disaster Payment won't be available in your area. If you need further financial support, test your eligibility for an income support payment. Use our [Payment and Service Finder](#) <sup>[1]</sup> to see what payments and services you may be able to get.

Check if COVID-19 Disaster Payment is available and if you need to reapply in any of these areas:

- [Australian Capital Territory](#) <sup>[2]</sup>
- [New South Wales](#) <sup>[3]</sup>
- [Northern Territory](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- [Queensland](#) <sup>[5]</sup>
- [South Australia](#) <sup>[6]</sup>
- [Tasmania](#) <sup>[7]</sup>
- [Victoria](#) <sup>[8]</sup>.

Watch this video to learn about changes to the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

## Changes to COVID-19 Disaster Payment



[Transcript](#) <sup>[9]</sup> | [Watch on YouTube](#) <sup>[10]</sup>

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - Australian Capital Territory** <sup>[2]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a ACT COVID-19 public health order.

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - New South Wales** <sup>[3]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a NSW COVID-19 public health order.

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - Northern Territory** <sup>[4]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a NT COVID-19 public health order.

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - Queensland** <sup>[5]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a Queensland COVID-19 public health order.

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - South Australia** <sup>[6]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a South Australia COVID-19 public health order.

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - Tasmania** <sup>[7]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a Tasmania COVID-19 public health order.

**COVID-19 Disaster Payment - Victoria** <sup>[8]</sup>

Support if you couldn't work due to a Victoria COVID-19 public health order.



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