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Economic Security Strategy Payments for pensioners, seniors, carers and families

On 14 October 2008, the Government announced a \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy to strengthen the Australian economy and support Australian households.

Centrelink customers will receive the following additional payments between 8-19 December 2008.

Australian pensioners, seniors and carers

The Government will deliver a \$4.8 billion down payment to Australian pensioners, carers and seniors.

The down payment for pensioners will be made available through an additional payment of \$1,400 to single pensioners and \$2,100 to pensioner couples, which will benefit:

- Age Pensioners
- Disability Support Pensioners
- Carer Payment recipients
- Wife and Widow B Pensioners, Partner, Widow and Bereavement Allowees
- Veterans' Affairs Service Pensioners
- Veterans' Income Support Supplement recipients
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card holders eligible for Seniors Concession Allowance
- those of age pension age who receive Parenting Payment, Special Benefit, or Austudy
- eligible Self Funded Retirees holding a Commonwealth Senior Health Card (CSHC).

People who are receiving Carer Allowance will also receive \$1,000 for each eligible person in their care.

Australian families

The Government will invest \$3.9 billion to provide immediate financial support to help around two million Australian families.

The support will be delivered to families through an additional payment of \$1,000 for each eligible child in their care. Those who will receive the support include:

- families who receive Family Tax Benefit (A), and
- families with dependent children who receive Youth Allowance, Abstudy or a benefit from the Veterans' Children's Education Scheme payment.

More information

- [Prime Minister of Australia website](#)
- [Prime Minister of Australia media release](#)
- [Minister for Human Services media release](#)
- [Centrelink media index](#)
- [Family Assistance Office website](#)
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