



Australian Government

# Economic Security Strategy

## Financial Assistance Payments

### Are you eligible for a lump sum payment?

From 8-19 December 2008, the Australian Government will provide lump sum payments as part of the Economic Security Strategy, in response to the global financial crisis.

You are entitled to a lump sum payment if you received one of the following payments on 14 October 2008:

Age Pension

Disability Support Pension

Carer Payment

Wife or Widow B Pension

Partner, Widow or Bereavement Allowance

Veterans' Income Support Supplement

Veterans' Affairs Service Pension.

You are also eligible if, on 14 October 2008 you:

held a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

held a Veterans' Affairs Gold Card and were eligible for Seniors Concession Allowance

were of Age Pension age and received Parenting Payment, Special Benefit, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

If you received an eligible payment or held an eligible concession card, you will receive \$1,400 for singles or \$1,050 for each eligible member of a couple.

In addition, if you were entitled to **Carer Allowance** on 14 October 2008, you will receive \$1,000 for each eligible person in your care.

**Families** will receive a lump sum payment if, on 14 October 2008, they:

were entitled to Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB Part A) or

had a dependent child/children attracting Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, or an education allowance under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme and did not attract FTB Part A.

Families will receive a payment of \$1,000 for each eligible child in their care.

**You do not need to do anything to receive your payment.**

In most cases, it will be automatically paid to your bank account during the fortnight 8-19 December 2008 and a letter sent to you confirming the payment.

If you do not receive your payment by 22 December 2008 and you think you may be eligible, call Centrelink.

Centrelink Retirement Services 13 2300  
Centrelink Disability, Sickness and Carers 13 2717  
Family Assistance Office 13 6150  
Department of Veterans' Affairs 13 3254

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