

Carer Payment



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Carer Payment – English

Carer Payment helps when someone provides full-time care to a person with a severe disability or a child with a profound disability.

You can claim Carer Payment if you personally provide full-time care to:

- a person 16 years or over who has a physical, intellectual or psychiatric disability and needs care permanently or for an extended period; OR
- a child with a profound disability under the age of 16 years; OR
- two or more children under the age of 16 years with severe disabilities who together need as much care as one child with a profound disability; OR
- an adult with a disability and their dependent child (who is less than 6 years, or less than 16 years and attracts Carer Allowance).

The person you care for must:

- be an Australian resident or allowed to live here permanently;
- be living in Australia at the time the care is given;
- receive a social security income support payment or a Service Pension; OR
- be ineligible for a social security income support payment or a Service Pension solely because they have not lived in Australia long enough to qualify; OR
- meet the special care receiver income and assets limits (see current rates booklets).

You cannot receive Carer Payment as well as another income support payment, e.g. Age Pension. You, your partner and the person you are caring for must have income and assets below a certain limit for Carer Payment to be payable.

You can have a respite break from your caring duties for up to 63 days each year without losing your payment. You may also go overseas for up to 13 weeks in a calendar year with the person you are caring for. The person you are caring for can also be in hospital for up to 63 days per year without you losing your payment.

To help you keep in touch with working while you receive a Carer Payment, you can do paid or unpaid work, train or study for up to 25 hours a week.

How do you apply for Carer Payment?

You can get a claim form from any Centrelink office, or by calling 13 1202. You may be interviewed about your claim and will be asked to provide medical evidence about the person being cared for.

Telephone Lodgements

Centrelink understands it is often difficult for people with caring responsibilities to attend a Centrelink Office, so claims for Carer Payment can also be lodged over the telephone. Provided a formal claim is lodged within 14 days from the date of the initial contact, payments can be backdated (extensions can be arranged where needed).

For more information in languages other than English, call **13 1202*** or visit our website at www.centrelink.gov.au

* Calls to '13' numbers from a standard telephone service can be made from anywhere in Australia for not more than the cost of a local call (call charges may vary depending upon the telephone service provider). Calls to '1800' numbers are free of charge. Calls from public and mobile telephones may be charged at a higher rate.

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