

# Economic Security Strategy Payment and Income Management



## What is the Economic Security Strategy Payment?

The Economic Security Strategy Payment is a lump sum payment from the Australian Government to eligible seniors, pensioners, people with disability, veterans, carers and families.

## How much is the payment?

This table shows you how much the payments are. You may be eligible for the lump sum payment if you receive one of the regular payments listed here.

Type of payment	Payment for singles —per person	Payment for couples —per person
Age Pension	\$1400	\$1050
Disability Support Pension	\$1400	\$1050
Carer Payment	\$1400	\$1050
Wife and Widow B Pension	\$1400	\$1050
Partner, Widow and Bereavement Allowance	\$1400	\$1050
Veterans' Affairs Service Pension	\$1400	\$1050
Veterans' Income Support Supplement	\$1400	\$1050
Veterans' Affairs Gold Card holders eligible for Seniors Concession Allowance	\$1400	\$1050
Those of age pension age who receive Parenting Payment, Special Benefit, ABSTUDY Living Allowance or Austudy	\$1400	\$1050
Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders	\$1400	\$1050
	<b>Payment per child</b>	
Family Tax Benefit (Part A)	\$1000	
Youth Allowance	\$1000	
ABSTUDY Living Allowance	\$1000	
Veterans' Children Education Scheme	\$1000	
	<b>Payment per person you care for</b>	
Carer Allowance	\$1000	

To find out more about the lump sum payment call **13 2594**.

## When will I get the payment?

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If you're eligible for the payment, in most cases you'll receive it on your usual payday after 8 December.

## Will my payment be income managed?

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If your regular payments are income managed, all of your lump sum payment will be income managed.

Once your priority needs are met, your lump sum payment can be spent on anything **except** prohibited items. Prohibited items are alcohol, tobacco, pornography and gambling.

Priority needs are things like food, clothes, rent, electricity, medicine, things for your children and basic household goods.

## How can I spend my payment?

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If you're on Income Management, you will need to contact Centrelink to spend your lump sum payment.

If you have a BasicsCard, your payment can be put on to your card. From 8 December 2008 to 31 January 2009 you can spend up to \$3000 a day on your BasicsCard. Remember to check your balance before you go shopping by calling **13 2594**.

If you want to spend at a shop that does not accept BasicsCard, Centrelink can arrange for the payment to be made to the place where you want to spend your money, as long as it is not to buy prohibited goods or services.

If you don't have a BasicsCard, Centrelink can arrange other ways for you to spend your money.

**Please call 13 2594 or visit a Centrelink office after 8 December 2008 to discuss how you will spend your lump sum payment.**

## Disclaimer

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