

# Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Netherlands



English

## Does the Agreement help you?

If you live in Australia	and	have a period of insurance in the Netherlands; <b>OR</b>
you live in the Netherlands	and	were a resident in Australia between the age of 16 and Pension age; <b>OR</b>
you live in an Agreement Country*	and	were a resident in Australia between the age of 16 and Pension age; <b>AND</b> have a period of insurance in the Netherlands
the Agreement may help you to increase your income by making it easier for you to get an Australian or Dutch pension		

## How does the Agreement help?

If you cannot meet the minimum qualifying period for either Australian or Netherlands pension, your periods of residence in Australia and your period of contributions to the Netherlands Social Insurance Scheme can be added together to meet the qualifying period regardless of whether you are living in Australia or the Netherlands. In some instances a deceased spouse' contributions can also be used to help you meet this requirement

## How do you claim?

Australian claim forms can be obtained by downloading from website [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) (follow the 'Forms' link); calling your local Netherlands SVB office; or by contacting Centrelink.

If you are in Australia, Netherlands claim forms can be obtained from Centrelink.

If you are living in the Netherlands you can lodge a claim for Australian pension at any of the Netherlands SVB offices (claims for Disability Support Pension must be lodged with the UWV Amsterdam); if you live in another Agreement country you may lodge with any of the approved Agreement country\* offices (see 'explanatory notes').

Claims for Australian age pension can be lodged up to thirteen (13) weeks before reaching pension age.

## Which Australian pension should you claim?

<b>If</b>	You are male and over 65 years of age; <b>OR</b>  you are female and over the qualifying age for Age Pension (see 'Pension age' in the Explanatory notes' for more information	<b>and</b>	You have lived in Australia for more than 10 years; <b>OR</b>  the period of time you have lived in Australia and the period of insurance in the Netherlands adds up to more than 10 years	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Age Pension</b>
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<b>If</b>	You are unable to work because of a disability or you are permanently blind	<b>and</b>	Your disability occurred while you were living in Australia; <b>OR</b> you have lived in Australia for more than 10 years; <b>OR</b> the period of time you have lived in Australia and the period of insurance in the Netherlands adds up to more than 10 years	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Disability Support Pension</b>
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## Which Dutch pension can you claim?

Old Age pension, Disability pension, Survivors pensions, Children's allowances
The Dutch Social Insurance Authorities make all decisions about Dutch pension matters and you should contact them for more details
If you are living in Australia you can contact <b>Centrelink International Services</b> for advice and help in claiming Dutch pension.

## What will you be paid?


The Dutch Social Insurance Authorities will calculate the amount of your Dutch pension. This will be based on your actual period of insurance, not your combined insurance period and your Australian residence periods.
If you are living outside Australia, your Australian pension will be based on your periods of residence in Australia between the age of 16 and Pension age, taking into account your assets or other income and any amount of Dutch Pension that you may receive.


## Explanatory notes


Netherlands Social Insurance offices	Sociale Verzekeringsbank, P.O.Box 9032, NL-6500 JN, Nijmegen, The Netherlands Telephone 31 24 343 1030 or Fax 31 24 343 1009  UWV, Afdeling AG-Buitenland, Postbus 57002, NL-1040 CC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Telephone 31 20 850 6111 or Fax 31 20 850 6342
Agreement countries	Australia has Social Security Agreements with a number of countries, including Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark*, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand*, Portugal, Spain, Slovenia and the USA*. Agreements with other countries will be added to this list. For a complete list of Agreement countries, please contact Centrelink International Services (see below).  *These countries do not accept Australian claims under other agreements.

Pension Age	<p>This is the age at which you become eligible for Australian Age Pension. It is 65 years of age for men. The qualifying age for women depends on their date of birth. The table below shows when women qualify.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date of birth</th> <th>Qualification age</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Before 1 January 1943</td> <td>62½</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 January 1943 to 30 June 1944</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 July 1944 to 31 December 1945</td> <td>63½</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 January 1946 to 30 June 1947</td> <td>64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 July 1947 to 31 December 1948</td> <td>64½</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 January 1949 and later</td> <td>65</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date of birth	Qualification age	Before 1 January 1943	62½	1 January 1943 to 30 June 1944	63	1 July 1944 to 31 December 1945	63½	1 January 1946 to 30 June 1947	64	1 July 1947 to 31 December 1948	64½	1 January 1949 and later	65
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