

# Social Security Agreement between Australia and Norway



## Does the Agreement help you?

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

## How does the Agreement help?

If you cannot meet the minimum qualifying period for either Australian or Norwegian pension, your periods of residence and your Norwegian insurance periods can be added together to meet the qualifying period regardless of whether you are living in Australia or Norway.

## 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 Norwegian Social Insurance office; or by contacting Centrelink.

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

If you are living in Norway you can lodge a claim for Australian pension at any Norwegian Social Insurance office.

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 your Norwegian insurance period 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 your Norwegian insurance period adds up to more than 10 years	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Disability Support Pension*</b>
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\* If you are living outside Australia you must be assessed as 'severely disabled' in order to qualify for an Australian Disability Support Pension.

## Which Norwegian pension should you claim?

<b>If</b>	You are over 67 years of age	<b>and</b>	The period of time you have lived in Australia during your working life and your Norwegian insurance period adds up to at least three years	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Old Age Pension</b>
<b>If</b>	You are under 67 years of age; <b>AND</b> Your working capacity is permanently reduced by 50 per cent or more due to illness, injury or defect	<b>and</b>	The period of time you have lived in Australia during your working life and your Norwegian insurance period adds up to at least three years	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Disability Pension</b>
<b>If</b>	You are under the age of 67 and are a resident of Norway	<b>and</b>	Your working capacity is temporarily reduced by at least 50 per cent due to illness, injury or defect	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Rehabilitation Benefit</b>
<b>If</b>	If you are a widow or widower aged under 67 years	<b>and</b>	Your late partner had a Norwegian insurance period of at least 12 months	<b>You should claim</b>	<b>Survivors Pension*</b>

\* Survivors Pension can be paid to:

- a surviving spouse of a five+ year marriage
- a spouse who has had children with the deceased and the duration of the marriage AND care of the children after the death of the other partner is at least five years
- a divorced spouse who has not remarried, if the death occurs within five years of the divorce and the marriage lasted at least 25 years (or 15 years if there are children)
- a child under age 18 if one or both parents is deceased.

The NAV National Office for Social Insurance makes all decisions about Norwegian pension matters.

If you are living in Australia you can contact Centrelink International Services for more information and help in claiming a Norwegian pension.

## What will you be paid?

The NAV National Office for Social Insurance will calculate the amount of your Norwegian pension. This will be based on your actual Norwegian insurance period, and may use part of 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 Norwegian Pension that you may receive.

## Explanatory notes

NAV National Office for Social Insurance	NAV National Office for Social Insurance Abroad PO Box 8138 Dep N-0033 Oslo NORWAY Telephone 0011 47 2331 1300 Fax 0011 47 2331 1301														
Agreement countries	Australia has Social Security Agreements with a number of countries, including Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark,* Germany, Ireland, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand,* Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and the USA.* Agreements with other countries will be added to this list. For a complete list of Agreement countries, please contact <b>Centrelink International Services</b> (see below).  * These countries do not accept Australian claims under other agreements.														
Pension Age	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.  <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>62 ½</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>63 ½</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>64 ½</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	62 ½	1 January 1943 to 30 June 1944	63	1 July 1944 to 31 December 1945	63 ½	1 January 1946 to 30 June 1947	64	1 July 1947 to 31 December 1948	64 ½	1 January 1949 and later	65
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➤ If you would like more detailed information you should contact **Centrelink International Services** for free help and advice.

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☎ Outside Australia call **(+61 3) 6222 3455**, or contact your local international telephone operator to arrange a reverse charge call.

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