



Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment

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About the Payment

Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment (PLDP) is a lump sum payment of \$1,500 to provide financial support to individuals who cannot work and earn an income because they are directed to self-isolate or quarantine as a result of COVID-19. PLDP is taxable income.

You may claim PLDP for each 14-day period of self-isolation or quarantine that you are directed to serve.

COVID-19 Disaster Payment is a different payment which is available if you cannot work and earn income as a result of a state or territory public health order that imposes restrictions on movement.

Eligibility

You may be eligible if a state or territory health official has told you to self-isolate or quarantine because you:

- test positive to COVID-19; or
- are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case; or
- are caring for a child 16 years or younger who tested positive to COVID-19; or
- are caring for a child 16 years or younger who is a close contact of a confirmed case; or
- are caring for a person who has tested positive to COVID-19.

You must also meet all of the following:

- be at least 17 years old;
- be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or holder of a temporary visa who has the right to work in Australia;
- be unable to go to work and earn an income; and
- have no appropriate leave entitlements, including pandemic sick leave, personal leave or leave to care for another person.

If you are a member of a couple, you and your partner can claim PLDP. You and your partner must meet the qualification criteria and will need to make separate claims.

You are not eligible for PLDP if you receive any:

- income, earnings or salary from paid work; or
- income support payments, ABSTUDY Living Allowance or Paid Parental Leave or Dad and Partner Pay.

Income support payments include: Age Pension, Austudy, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, Farm Household Allowance, JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Youth Allowance and Income Support Supplement, Service Pension or Veteran Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

How to apply

PLDP can be claimed over the phone with Services Australia on **180 22 66**. Phone lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

You must make a new claim for each 14-day period of self-isolation or quarantine that you are required to serve.

Further information about how to claim PLDP can be found on the [Services Australia website](#).